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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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**JUICE JOINT
JEOPARDY!**

SPAZ
HAR/O

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

THIS IS MOBOTROPOLIS--

--THE LARGEST CITY ON THE EARTH-LIKE WORLD OF MOBIUS.

WHEN JULIAN KINTOBOR, OF THE HOUSE OF IVO, CAME HERE SEEKING SANCTUARY OVER A DECADE AGO, ITS CITIZENS COULD NEVER SUSPECT HIS TRUE INTENTIONS--

--OR THAT HE WOULD BECOME THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, A MAN WHO WOULD CHANGE THE FACE OF MOBOTROPOLIS AND THE VERY PLANET--

--FOR THE WORSE!

NOW AFTER THE VILLAIN'S OVERTHROW ALL THESE YEARS LATER, THE POPULACE KNOWS BETTER. KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN HAS RECLAIMED HIS CROWN AND HIS CASTLE, AND LIFE HAS RETURNED TO--

A DAY IN THE LIFE

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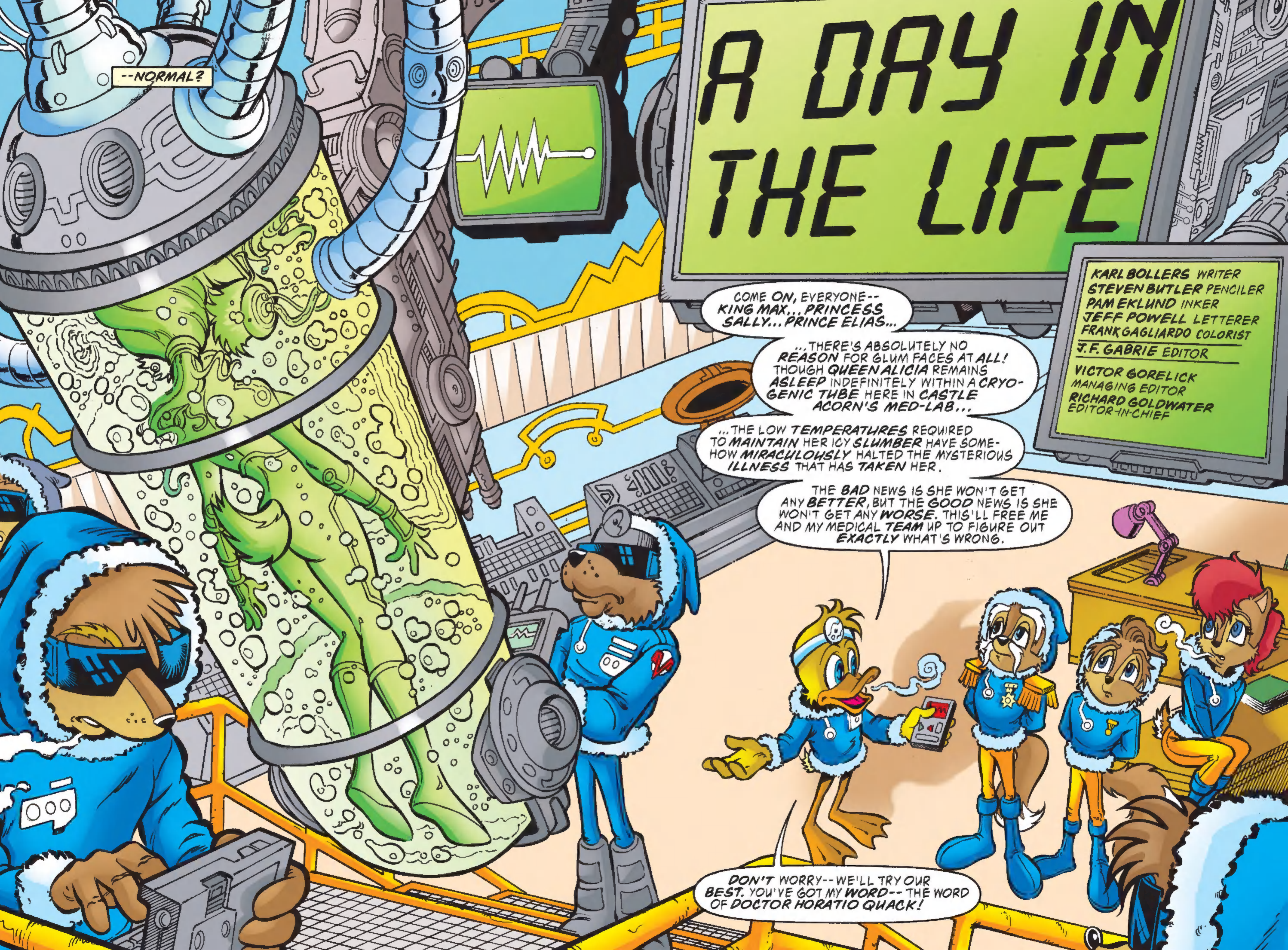
COME ON, EVERYONE--
KING MAX... PRINCESS
SALLY... PRINCE ELIAS...

...THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO
REASON FOR GLUM FACES AT ALL!
THOUGH QUEEN ALICIA REMAINS
ASLEEP INDEFINITELY WITHIN A CRYO-
GENIC TUBE HERE IN CASTLE
ACORN'S MED-LAB...

...THE LOW TEMPERATURES REQUIRED
TO MAINTAIN HER ICY SLUMBER HAVE SOME-
HOW MIRACULOUSLY HALTED THE MYSTERIOUS
ILLNESS THAT HAS TAKEN HER.

THE BAD NEWS IS SHE WON'T GET
ANY BETTER, BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS SHE
WON'T GET ANY WORSE. THIS'LL FREE ME
AND MY MEDICAL TEAM UP TO FIGURE OUT
EXACTLY WHAT'S WRONG.

DON'T WORRY--WE'LL TRY OUR
BEST. YOU'VE GOT MY WORD--THE WORD
OF DOCTOR HORATIO QUACK!



DAD-- I **NEED** TO KNOW THE **TRUTH!** YOU **ALWAYS** TOLD ME MOM HAD **DIED** DURING THE **GREAT WAR** WITH THE **OVERLANDERS*** WHEN I WAS JUST A **BABY...**

...BUT YOU **NEVER** TOLD ME I HAD AN **OLDER BROTHER** WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE **PERISHED** ALONGSIDE HER!

YOU WERE TOO **YOUNG** TO REMEMBER HIM, SALLY. ELIAS WAS WITH YOUR MOTHER ABOARD A **CONVOY** CARRYING THEM TO OUR **RESIDENCE** ON THE **FLOATING ISLAND** WHEN THEIR CRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY **OVERLANDER AIR TROOPS!**

WE HUNTED HIGH AND LOW, BUT FOUND NO TRACE OF **THEM** OR THE REST OF THEIR MISSING **PARTY--** THEY HAD ALL BUT **VANISHED** INTO THIN AIR. I HELD ON TO **HOPE** FOR AS LONG AS I COULD, BUT AFTER A **WHILE...**

...I FEARED FOR THE **WORST.** I KNEW YOU WOULD **SOMEDAY** ASK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER WHEN YOU WERE **OLDER** BUT, SEEKING TO **SPARE** YOU FROM ANY FURTHER PAIN, I KEPT ELIAS' **EXISTENCE** A SECRET FROM YOU.

* Humans -- ED.

...I ASSIGNED **COMMANDER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN--** AS HEAD OF MY **SECRET SERVICE--** THE MISSION OF LEARNING IF THE **RUMOR** WAS REALLY **TRUE.***

WHEN NEW **EVIDENCE** RECENTLY EMERGED THAT LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR MOTHER AND HE MAY HAVE INDEED **SURVIVED** THE INCIDENT ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...

RUMORS CAN BE **HARMFUL**, SALLY, AND I DIDN'T WISH TO FALSELY RAISE YOUR **HOPES** WITH ONE... SO I MAY NOT HAVE BEEN AS **FORTHCOMING** AS YOU WOULD HAVE **LIKED** REGARDING THIS COURSE OF **ACTION.****

* READ IN KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4
COMING SOON --EDITOR
** READ IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 17
--EDITOR



I'M **SORRY**, SWEET-HEART, BUT I DID IT WITH **INTENTIONS** OF MAKING YOU **HAPPY** AND WHEN ST. JOHN **CONTACTED** ME AND REPORTED HIS **AMAZING SUCCESS...**

...I **KNEW** I HAD DONE THE **RIGHT** THING! I SHOULD **NEVER** HAVE PLACED THE **PRESSURE** OF FUTURE LEADERSHIP ON YOUR **YOUNG** SHOULDERS...

...NOT WHILE ELIAS IS HERE! ON THE DAY I **DESCEND** THE **KINGDOM OF ACORN'S** THRONE, I WISH IT TO BE HE WHO RULES IN MY **STEAD!**

?



MEANWHILE,
JUST OUTSIDE
CASTLE ACORN...

SO IT WAS CROC-BOT
CONTROLLING DUCK BILL PLATYPUS
FROM THE DOWNHUNDA FREEDOM
FIGHTERS ALL ALONG--HUH,
SONIC?

YOU BET YOUR
BEAKER, ROTOR,
BUT WITH ME AND
TAILS IN TOWN, I
GUESS YOU COULD
SAY WE PULLED
THE PLUG ON HIS
SCALY OPERA-
TION!*

WAY TO GO,
SUGAH-HOG--SOUNDS LIKE
YOU BOYS HAD SOME REAL
WILD ADVENTURES WHILE
YOU WERE AWAY!*" WAIT'LL
PRINCESS SALLY HEARS
ABOUT IT!

* READ S.A. VOL. 16 ** S.A. VOL. 15-18. -EDITOR

AND, ON A NEARBY
ROOFTOP...

DO YOU
SEE WHAT I
SEE?

AS PLAIN
AS THE
WHISKERS
ON MY FACE,
PAL--WE'D
BETTER
RADIO
THE HEAD
HONCHO
RIGHT
AWAY!

COME IN, OMEGA--
COME IN!

I HEAR YOU,
ALPHA--REPORT.

YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO'S
BACK IN MOBOTROPOLIS...

SONIC!

NATE--
NATE MORGAN!
HOW'S IT GOIN'?

SO FAR SO
GOOD, MY YOUNG
FRIEND...

...PERHAPS RETHURNING
TO MOBOTROPOLIS WITH YOU
WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE AFTER
ALL. AND ALTHOUGH KINTOBOR
(OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL HIM),
HAS LEFT A LEGACY OF POLLU-
TANTS AND TOXIC WASTE IN
THE TWENTY-SOMETHING YEARS
SINCE I LEFT...

...BEHOLDING THE JOY
IN KING MAX'S EYES UPON
SEEING ME AFTER ALL THIS
TIME MAKES ME HAPPY TO
BE ... HOME.

MISTER MORGAN? MY NAME'S AMY ROSE-- DID YOU REALLY CREATE ALL O' THE POWER RINGS ON MOBIUS? SONIC SAID YOU DID!

WELL, THEN-- SONIC SPOKE THE TRUTH!

LOOK-- THERE'S PRINCESS SALLY AND THE REST OF THE ROYAL 'FAM' RIGHT NOW!

WOW!



SONIC...?

WHY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU CRACK A SMILE ALL DAY, PRINCESS-- MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE NICE WEATHER WE'RE HAVING.

GO OUT...?
NO WAY! I CAN'T-- NOT WHEN MOM IS STILL SO--

SONIC!
IT'S STILL SO HARD TO BELIEVE YOU'RE BACK! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU GUYS!

--SICK!

COME NOW, PRINCESS-- REMEMBER WHAT DOCTOR QUACK SAID ABOUT TRUSTING HIM. I THINK YOU SHOULD FOLLOW HIS SOUND MEDICAL ADVICE, HEAD OUT, AND HAVE SOME FUN...

...START BY SHOWING ELIAS AND NATE AROUND OUR FAIR CITY.

D'YOU BELIEVE ANY O' THIS? I CAN'T...

...AND SINCE YOU'RE NOT SO BIG ON WORDS...

...IT'S UP TO ME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE BOSS AND LET 'IM KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S WHAT!

THIS IS BETA TO OMEGA-- COME IN, OMEGA!

Uhh... IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME, ALL, AT THE MOMENT, I HAVE SOME ROYAL MATTERS TO ATTEND TO.

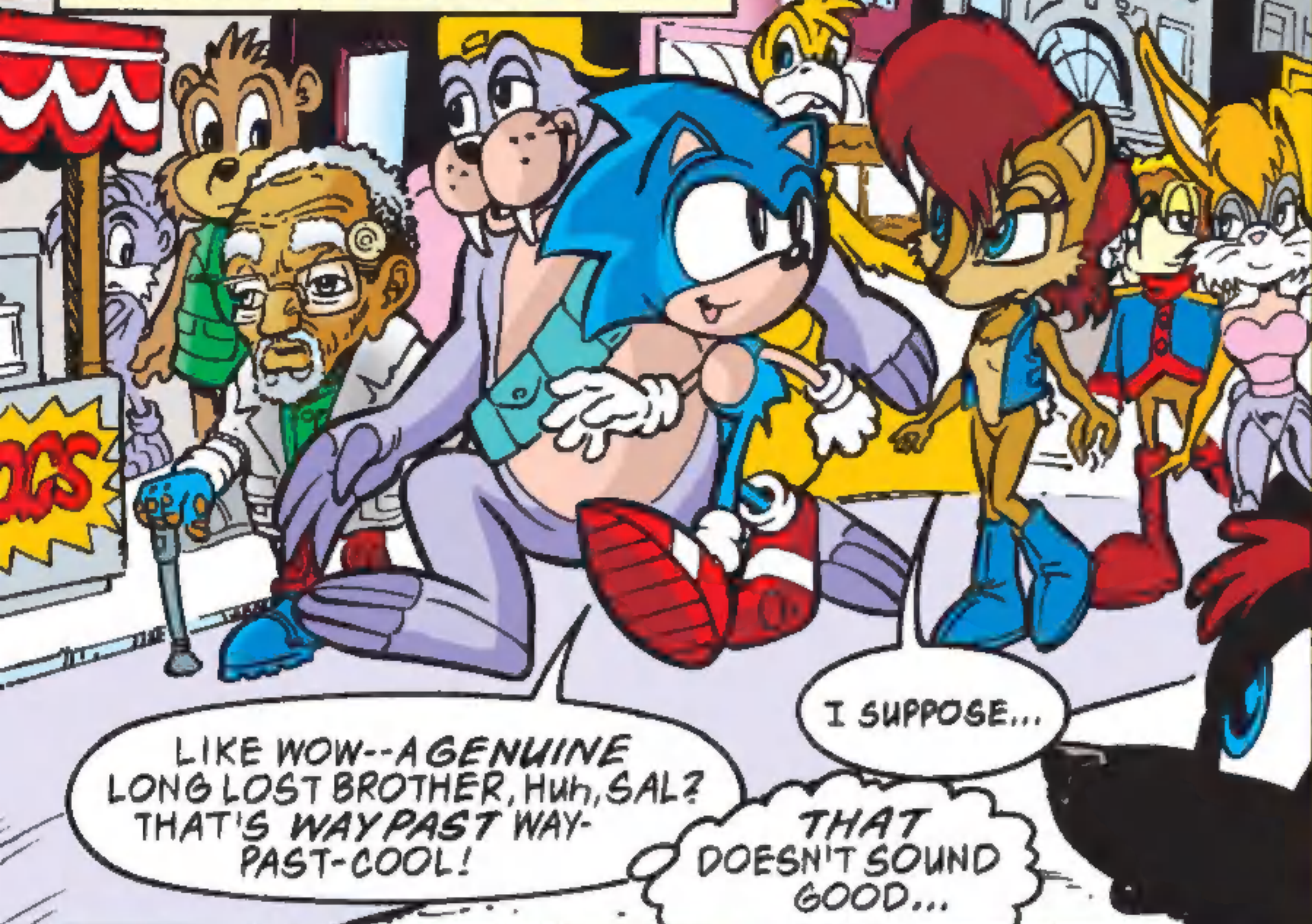
AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A COMPLETE PARTY-POOPER, I MUST RESPECTFULLY DECLINE YOUR INVITATION TO VENTURE FORTH FROM THE CASTLE'S CONFINES.

THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN SO DEMANDING THAT I FIND MYSELF STILL A BIT TIRED FROM THE ENTIRE EXPERIENCE -- SEE YOU SOON!

BYE!

Hmmm... I WONDER WHAT'S UP WITH SALLY'S BRO.

SOON, AMIDST THE BUSTLING
AVENUES OF MOBOTROPOLIS...



LIKE WOW--A GENUINE
LONG LOST BROTHER, HUH, SAL?
THAT'S WAY PAST WAY-
PAST-COOL!

I SUPPOSE...

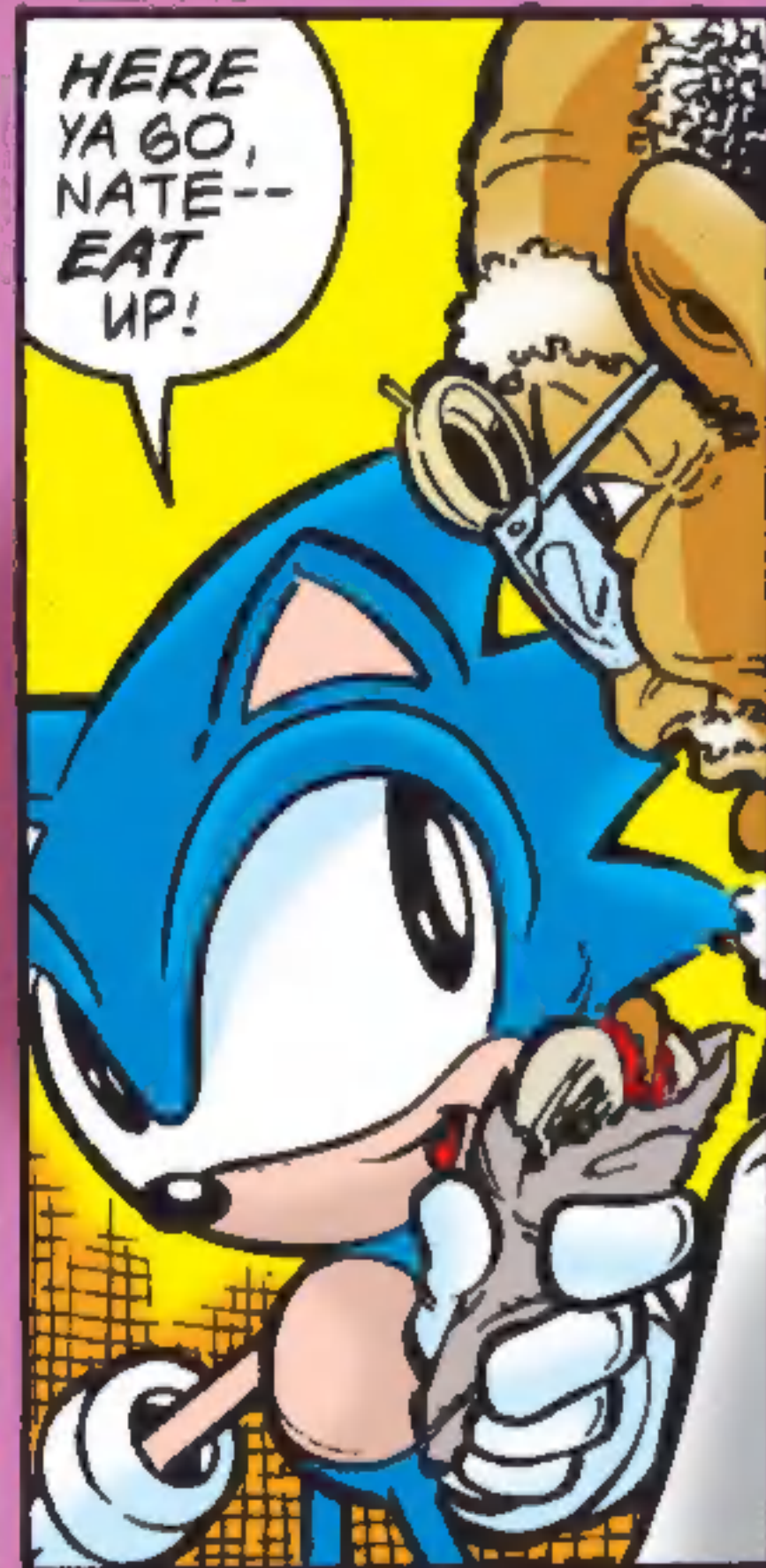
THAT
DOESN'T SOUND
GOOD...

JUST A SEC, EVERYBODY... I SEE
TEMPTATION THAT JUST
CAN'T BE RESISTED!

TWO, PLEASE!
SO...

...WHAT'S BEEN
SHAKIN' IN MOBO
OVER THE PAST
MONTH?

NOT A WHOLE
LOT, SONIC--IT'S
BEEN REAL
QUIET!



HERE
YA GO,
NATE--
EAT
UP!



UH... WHAT IS
IT EXACTLY?



"THE FOOD O'
THE HOGS!"

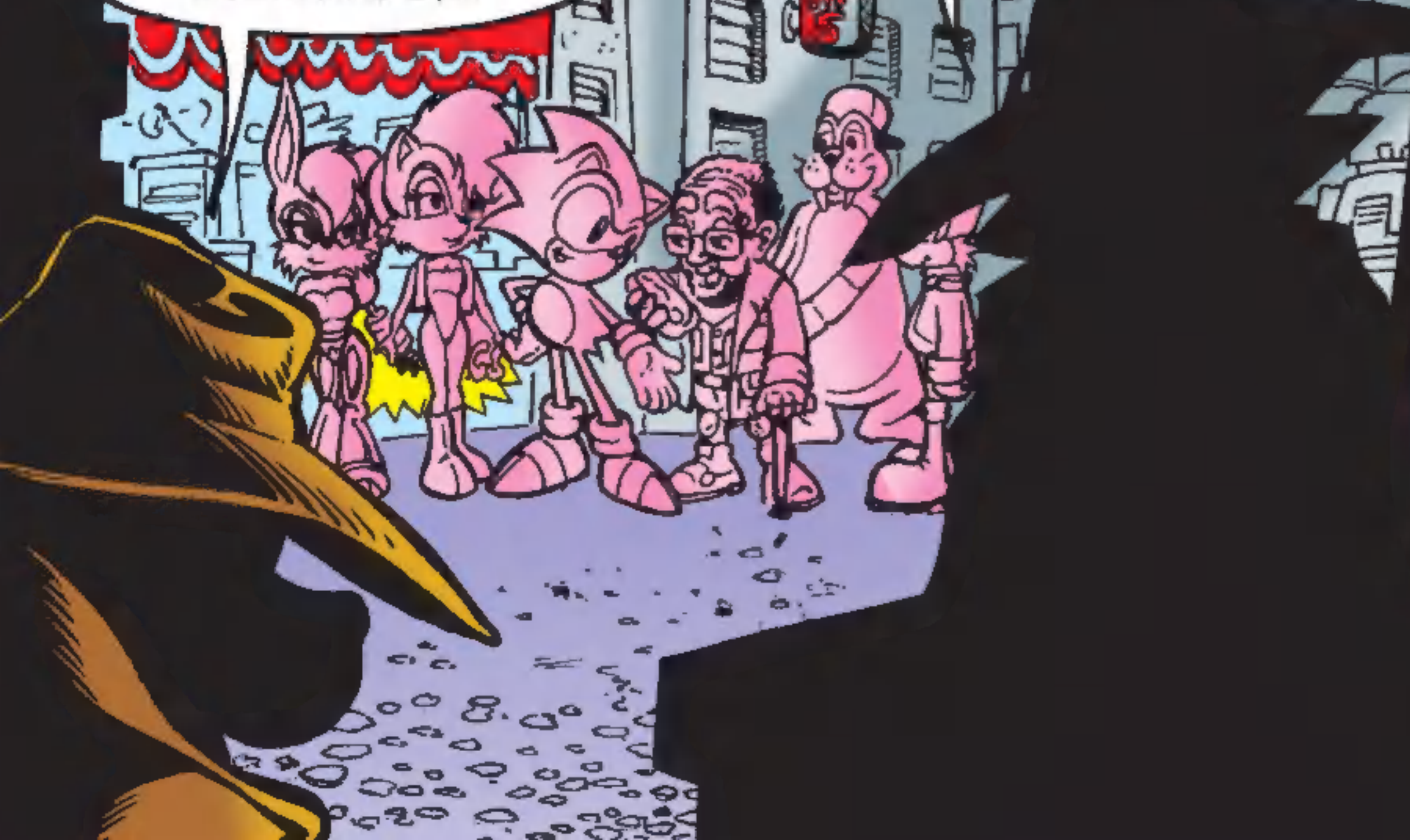
WELL, DOESN'T
THAT BEAT JUST ABOUT
EVERYTHING? THOSE
JOKERS ARE RUBBING
ELBOWS WITH, OF ALL
CREATURES, AN
OVERLANDER!

YOU'RE TELLIN' ME! YOU'D THINK
THAT THEY'D THINK TWICE ABOUT
DOIN' SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT AFTER
HOW DOC 'BOTNIK AND SNI-- I MEAN,
THE BOSS MESSSED UP THEIR LIVES!

DO YOU
READ ME,
OMEGA?

LOUD
AND CLEAR,
GAMMA--
REPORT.

DIG THIS
SCENE...





A FEW
BLOCKS
LATER...

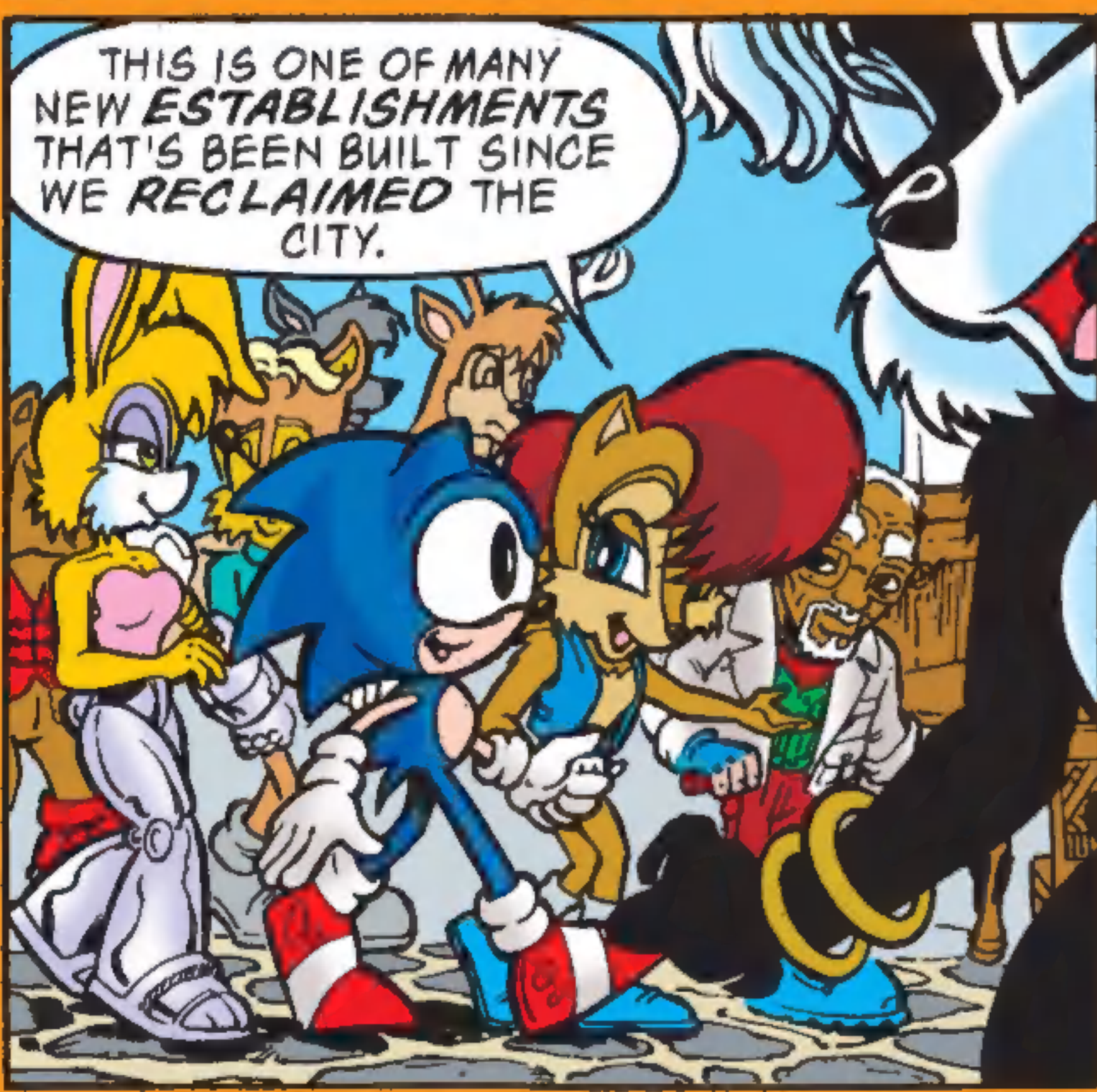
Deer
John's

JUNGLE
JOOSE

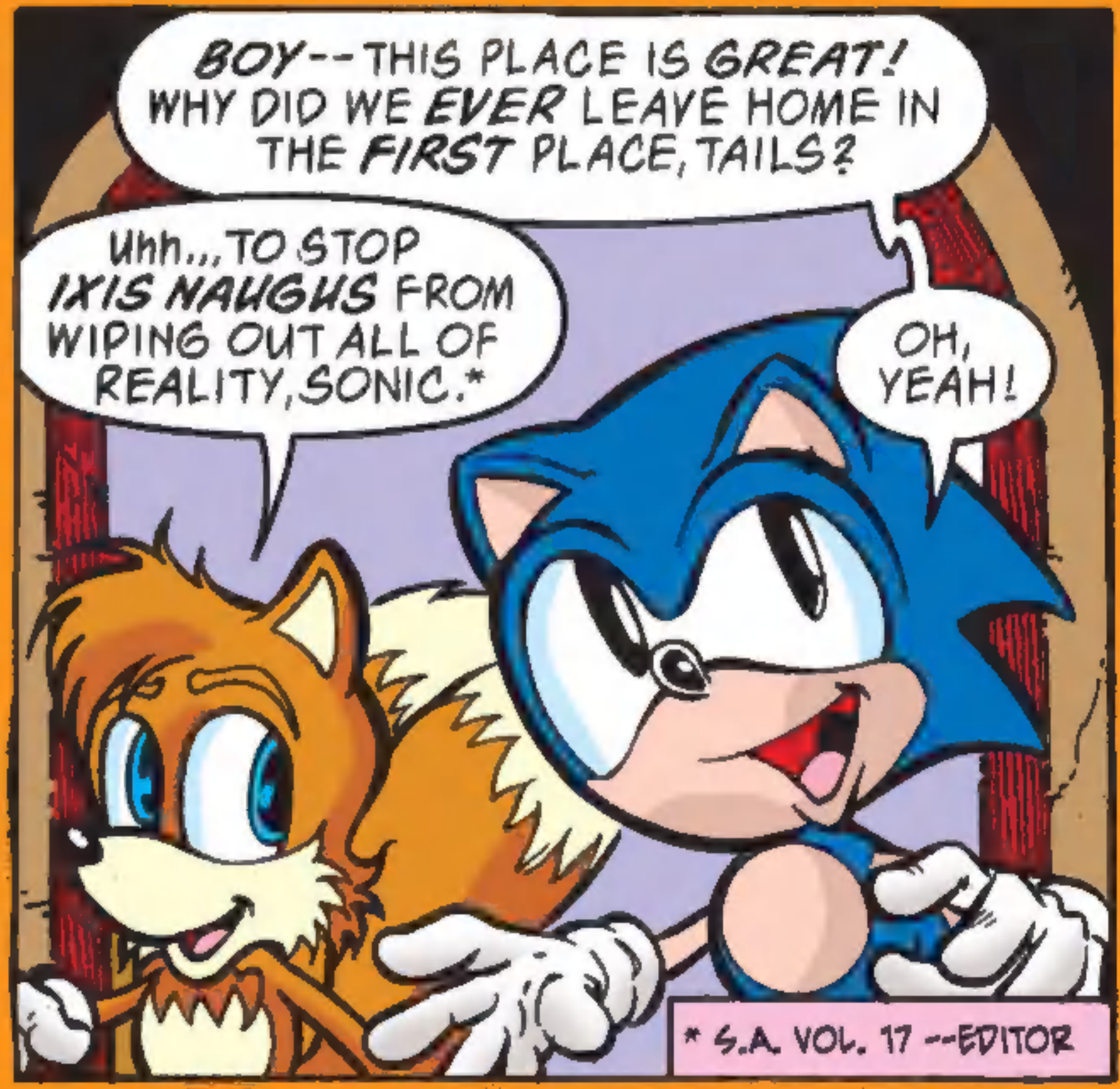
GEEZ--
WHAT IS THIS
PLACE?

EET IS ZEE
JUICE-BAR--ONE-
HUNDRED PERCENT
AH NATHREL!*

* In a natural state -- EDITOR



THIS IS ONE OF MANY
NEW **ESTABLISHMENTS**
THAT'S BEEN BUILT SINCE
WE **RECLAIMED** THE
CITY.

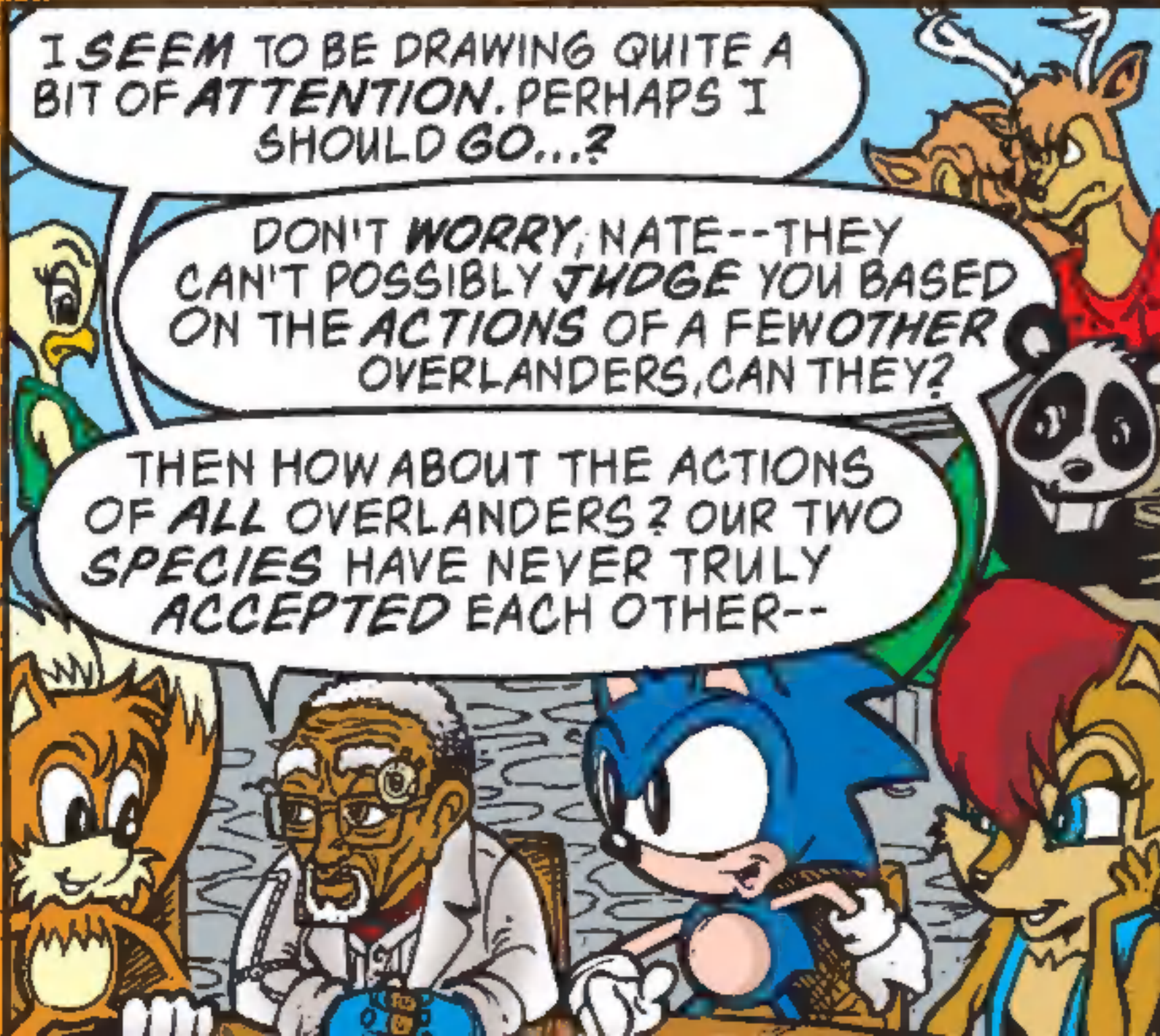


BOY--THIS PLACE IS GREAT!
WHY DID WE **EVER** LEAVE HOME IN
THE **FIRST** PLACE, TAILS?

Uhh... TO STOP
IXIS NAUGHS FROM
WIPING OUT ALL OF
REALITY, SONIC.*

OH,
YEAH!

* S.A. VOL. 17 --EDITOR



I **SEEM** TO BE DRAWING QUITE A
BIT OF **ATTENTION**. PERHAPS I
SHOULD GO...?

DON'T **WORRY**, NATE--THEY
CAN'T POSSIBLY **JUDGE** YOU BASED
ON THE **ACTIONS** OF A FEW OTHER
OVERLANDERS, CAN THEY?

THEN HOW ABOUT THE **ACTIONS**
OF **ALL** OVERLANDERS? OUR TWO
SPECIES HAVE NEVER TRULY
ACCEPTED EACH OTHER--



EXCEPT FOR THAT TIME YOU
USED YOUR **MONDO**, AWESOME **SCI-
ENTIFIC TALENTS** TO BRING OUR
ENTIRE **KINGDOM** OUT O' THE
MIDDLE AGES, HUH?*

AM I
GOOD OR
AM I
GREAT?

* READ
SONIC
ARCHIVES
VOLUME
17 --ED.

LOTS OF
LAUGHS
LATER...

SAY, ANTOINE... IS IT MY IMAGINATION OR
DOES BUNNIE HAVE AN EVEN BIGGER CRUSH
ON YOU NOW THAN BEFORE TAILS AND I THICED
ON OUT O' MOBO? SHE HANGS ON YOUR EVERY
MISPRONOUNCED WORD!

AH, WELL...
OF ZAT I AM
NOT QUITE
SURE--

-- I AM ONLY AWARE ZAT
HER VOICE HAS ZEE RING OF A
SOUTHERN BELL. ZEE SUNLIGHT--
EET GIVES HER A CERTAIN POLISH.
ZEE SUMMER BREEZE--

OKAY! OKAY-- CHILL
WITH THE POETRY,
"WORDSWORSE"! I
CATCH YOUR DRIFT--
YOU LIKE HER A
WHOLE LOT!

OUI.

THAT'S GREAT,, JUST GREAT.
SAY, WH, ANT-- THERE'VE BEEN A LOT
OF REUNIONS SINCE WE BEAT
'ROBUTTNIK,' Y'KNOW...

OF COURSE-- YOU WITH YOUR
PARENTS-- SALLY WITH HER
FAMILY-- AND EVEN ZIS NATE
MORGAN WITH ZEE KINGDOM
HE HELPED TO ERECT!

EET MAKES ME QUESTION ZEE
FATE OF MY OWN FATHER WHO
HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE ROBOTNIK'S
REIGN BEGAN-- (SIGH) WILL I NEVER
SEE HIM AGAIN?

ANT-- TAILS AND I
ENCOUNTERED A LOT
O' HOSTILE AND DANGEROUS
ROBIANS* WHILE WE WERE
AWAY. YOUR DAD-- YOUR
DAD WAS--

-- BREAK IT
GENTLY, SONIC--

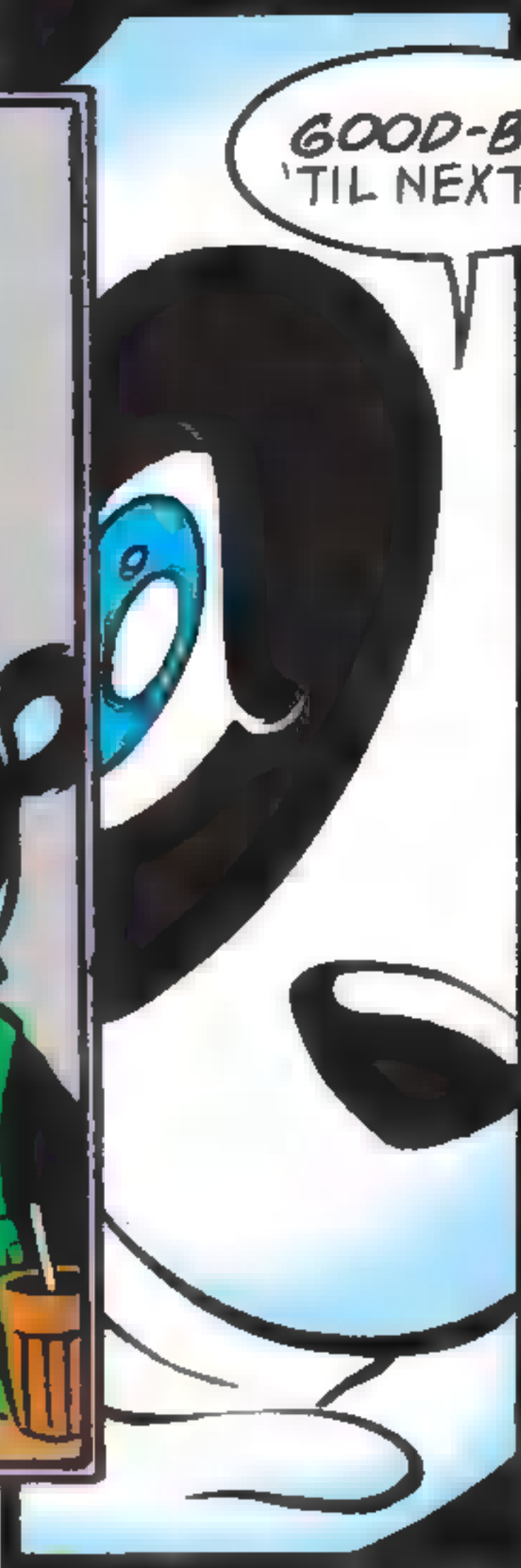
* Robotized
citizens of
Mobius - Editor

AH WONDER
WHAT THOSE TWO
COULD BE YAMMERIN'
ON ABOUT FOR SO
LONG. WHATEVER
IT IS...

...IT DON'T SEEM TO
BE MAKIN' TWAN TOO
HAPPY! I'D BETTER--



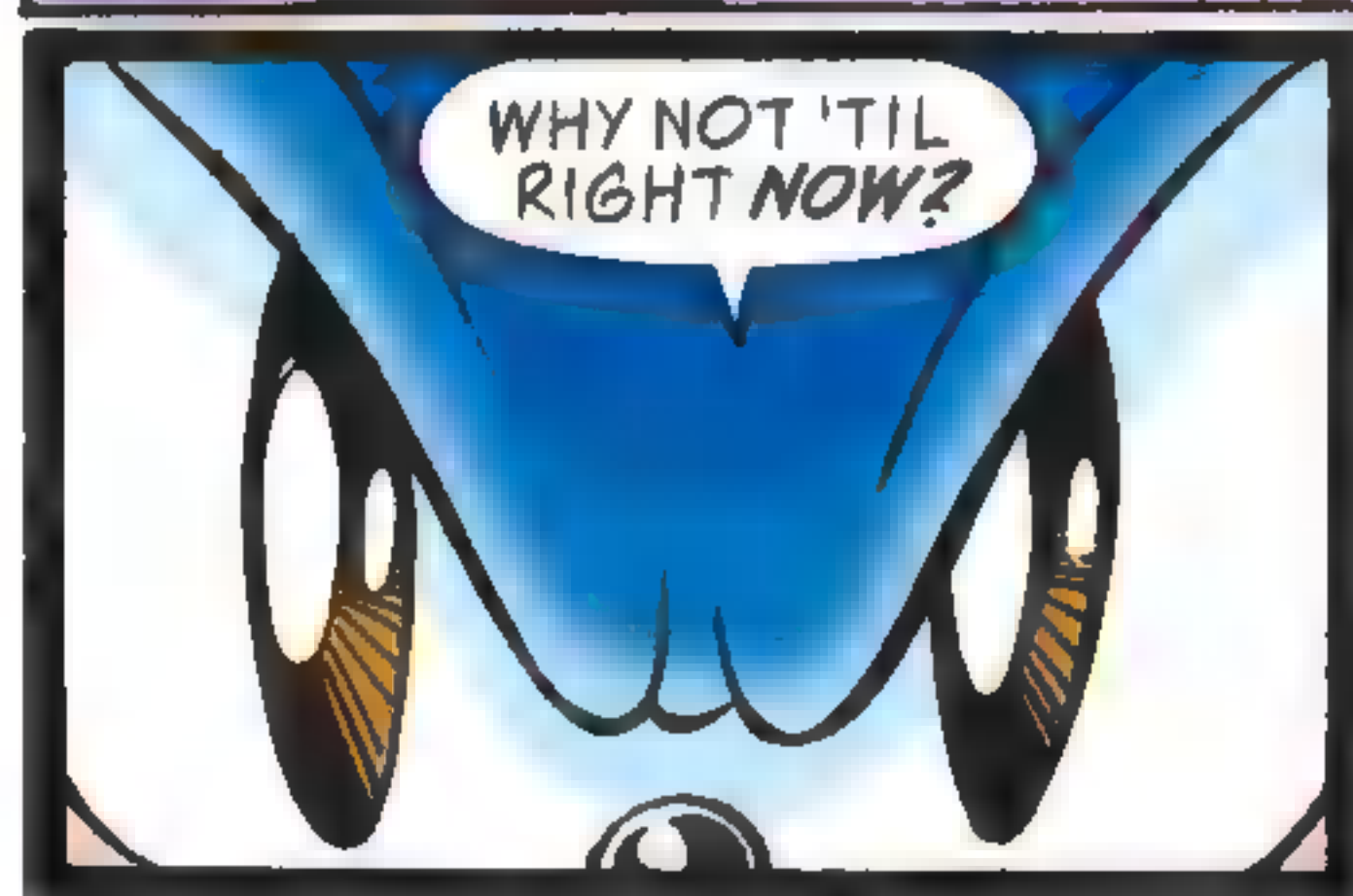
OH... I'M SO "SORRY,"
STRANGER. I MUST HAVE
"ACCIDENTALLY" SPILLED
MY TOMATO JUICE ALL
OVER... YOUR HEAD.



GOOD-BYE
'TIL NEXT--



--TIME?!



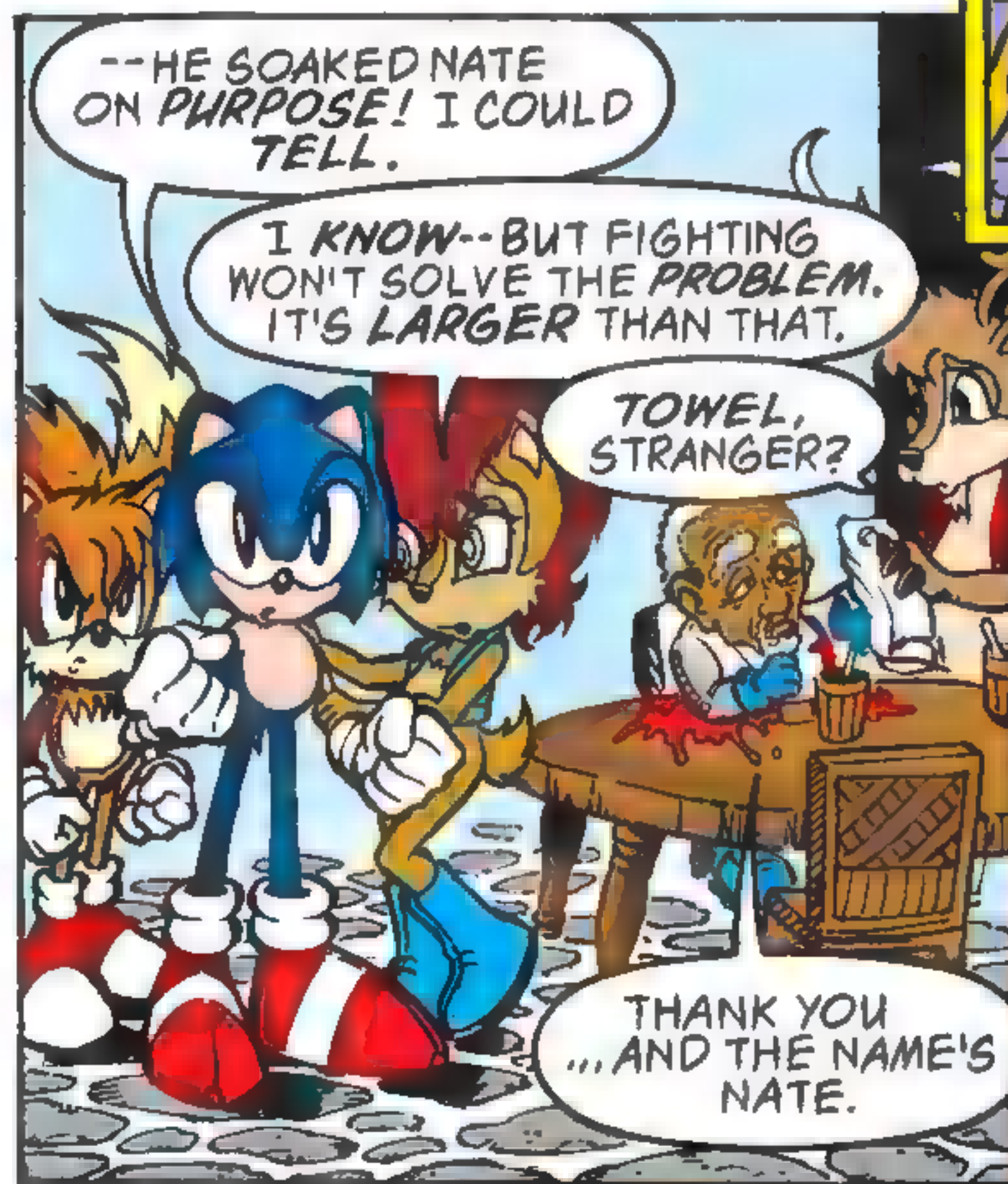
WHY NOT 'TIL
RIGHT NOW?



BECAUSE I'M DONE
HERE, HEDGEHOG. I MADE
MY APOLOGY AND THAT'S
THAT!

SONIC--
WAIT!

THAT WAS NO
ACCIDENT, SAL--

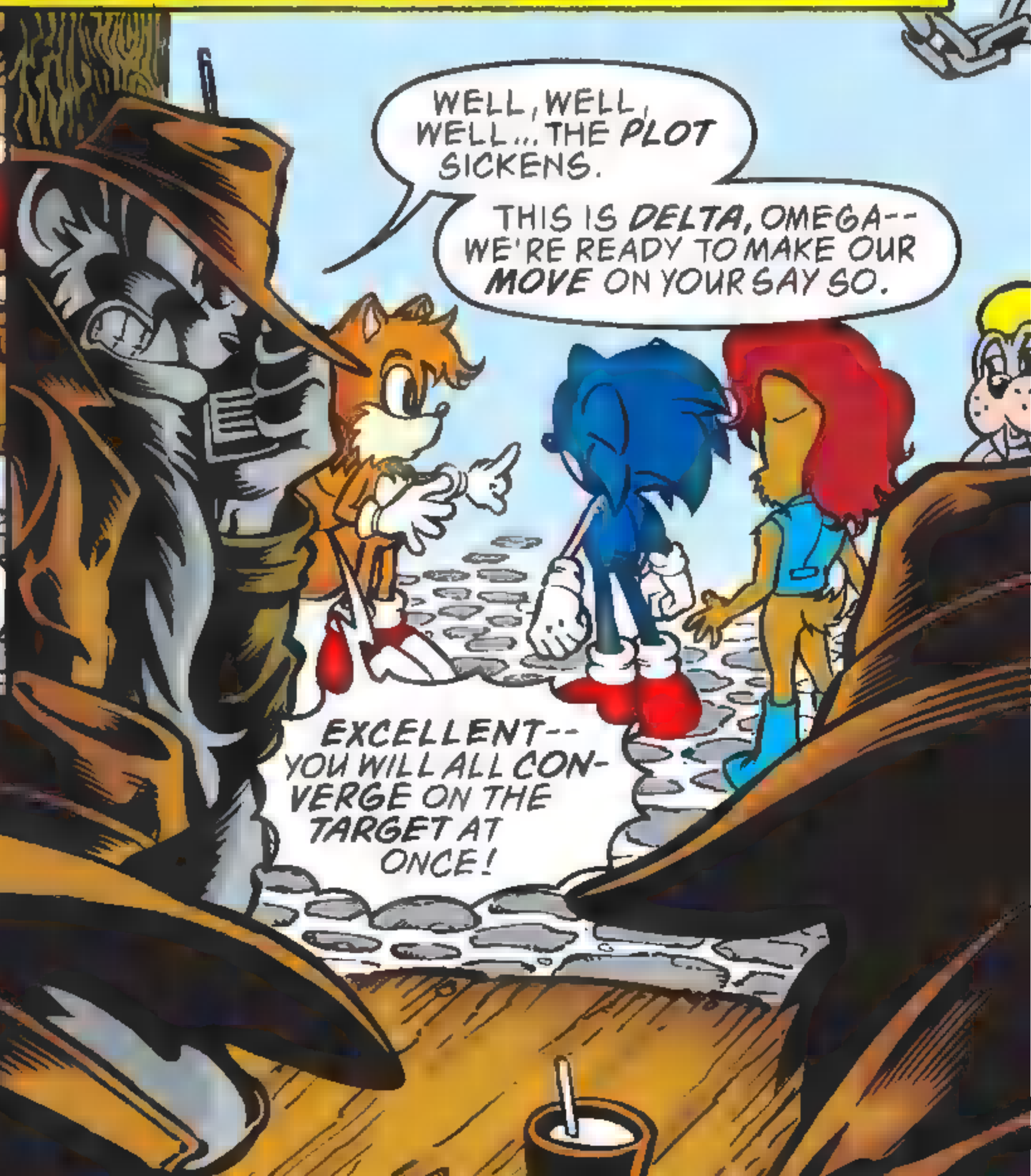


--HE SOAKED NATE
ON PURPOSE! I COULD
TELL.

I KNOW-- BUT FIGHTING
WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
IT'S LARGER THAN THAT.

TOWEL,
STRANGER?

THANK YOU
...AND THE NAME'S
NATE.



WELL, WELL,
WELL... THE PLOT
SICKENS.

THIS IS DELTA, OMEGA--
WE'RE READY TO MAKE OUR
MOVE ON YOUR SAY SO.

EXCELLENT--
YOU WILL ALL CON-
VERGE ON THE
TARGET AT
ONCE!

CASTLE ACORN'S
ROYAL BRIEFING
ROOM...

GO AHEAD,
COMMANDER
ST. JOHN...

SIRE--MY
VISIT TO THE
DEVIL'S ISLAND
GULAG HAS
SERVED TO
EXPLAIN
WHY WE'VE
RECEIVED NO
WORD FROM ITS
GUARDS IN
WELL OVER A
WEEK--

IT'S A COMPLETE MYSTERY
AS TO HOW THIS BREAK-OUT OCCURRED!
SEVERAL GUARDS, WHO HAD BEEN IM-
PRISONED HERE BY THE ESCAPEES--

-- SAY THAT THE CELLS OPENED
BY THEMSELVES. THEY CLAIM
THAT SNIVELY WAS
RESPONSIBLE.

SNIVELY
--ROBOTNIK'S
NEPHEW?

YES, MY LIEGE, HERE'S A
COMPLETE LINE-UP OF THE ROGUES
WHO MADE IT OUT WITH HIM.

WE'VE COMBED THE AREA
SURROUNDING THE DEVIL'S ISLAND
AND FOUND THE REMAINS OF TWO
DOWNED SHUTTLE-CRAFT
SEVERAL MILES AWAY.

NO BODIES WERE
FOUND IN THE WRECK-
AGE AND WITH THE
OCEAN'S INTOLERABLY
HIGH TEMPERATURE,
IT'S NOT LIKELY THERE
WERE ANY SURVIVORS,
EITHER.

I'M SORRY,
YOUR
HIGHNESS.

DON'T BLAME YOURSELF,
ST. JOHN-- I'LL GET DOCTOR QUACK
AND HIS MEDICS READY TO TREAT
THOSE MALNOURISHED GUARDS
AT ONCE.

COMMANDER
--ARE YOU
POSITIVE
THAT THE
ESCAPED
PRISONERS
PERISHED?

OF COURSE, PRINCE
ELIAS. IF THEY'RE NOT HERE...

"--THEN WHERE WOULD THEY BE?"

YOU GOONS HAVE GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME! I'M ONLY GONNA SAY IT ONCE, SO EVERYBODY'LL HEAR: NATE MORGAN'S WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! YOU MESS WITH HIM...

HAND OVER THE OVERLANDER --OR ELSE!

...YOU MESS WITH ME! ANY QUES--

HRK!

THIS GUY'S REALLY PLAYIN' FOR KEEPS!

SONIC!

HOLD THAT POSE, DOLL!

WHAK

HNNGH!

THERE. THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

SALLY!



AARRGH!

WHY YOU LITTLE---

SAL...?

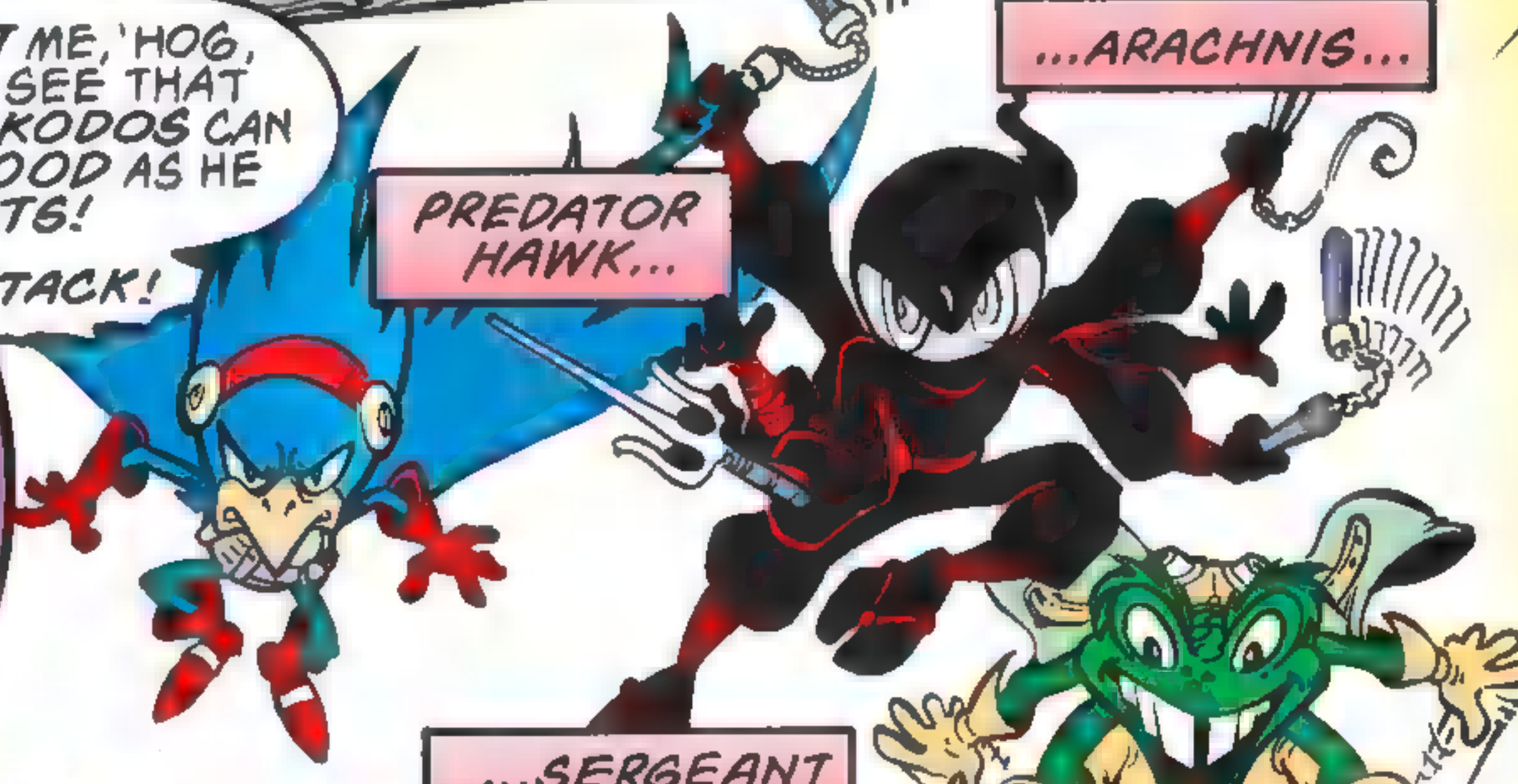


WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU--YOU ANIMALS? HOW DARE YOU ATTACK THE PRINCESS?!



YOU HURT ME, 'HOG, BUT YOU'LL SEE THAT WARLORD KODOS CAN GIVE AS GOOD AS HE GETS!

ATTACK!



...ARACHNIS...

PREDATOR HAWK...

...SERGEANT SIMIAN...

...FLYING FROG...

...SLEUTH DOGGY DOG...

...DRAGO...

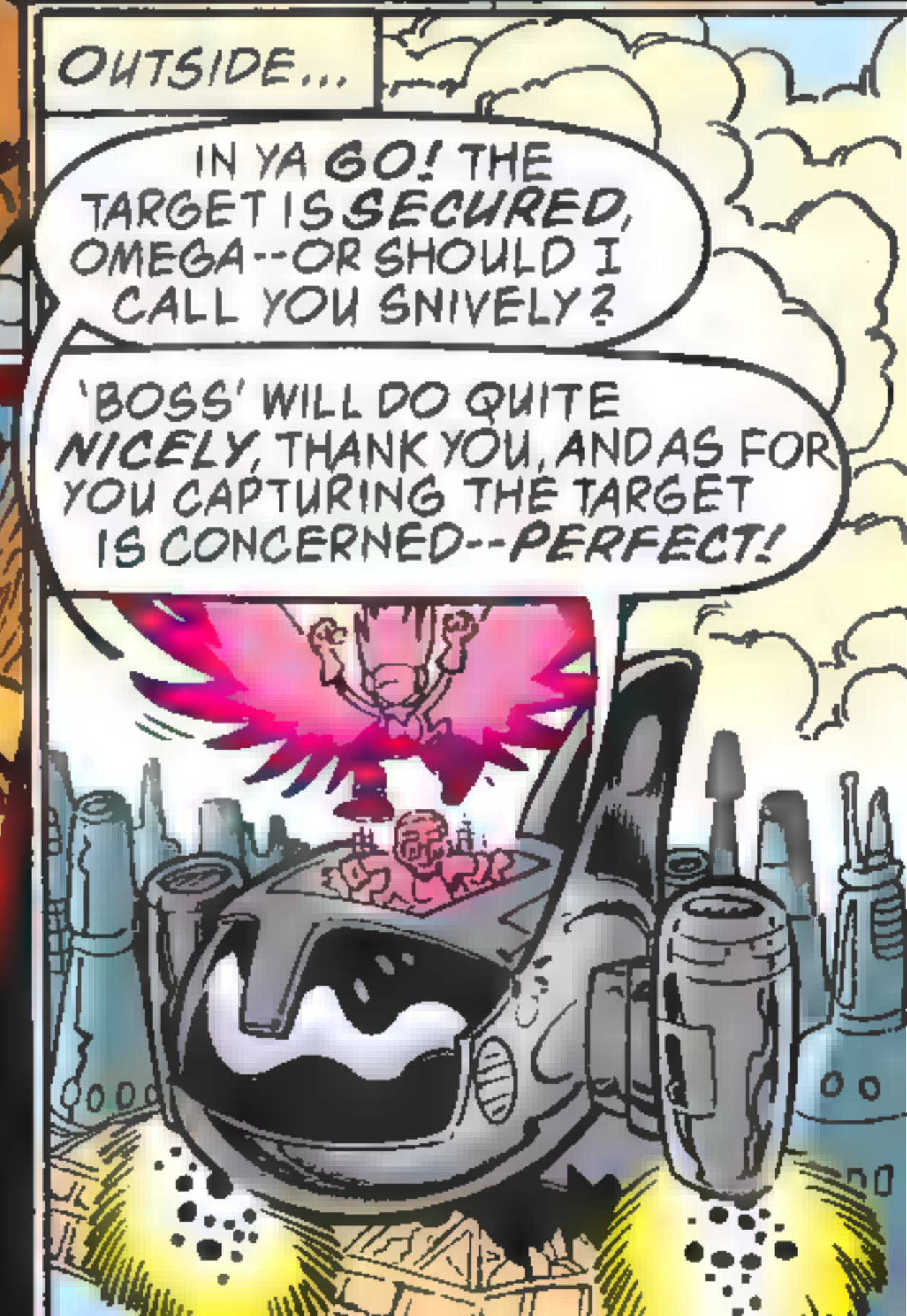
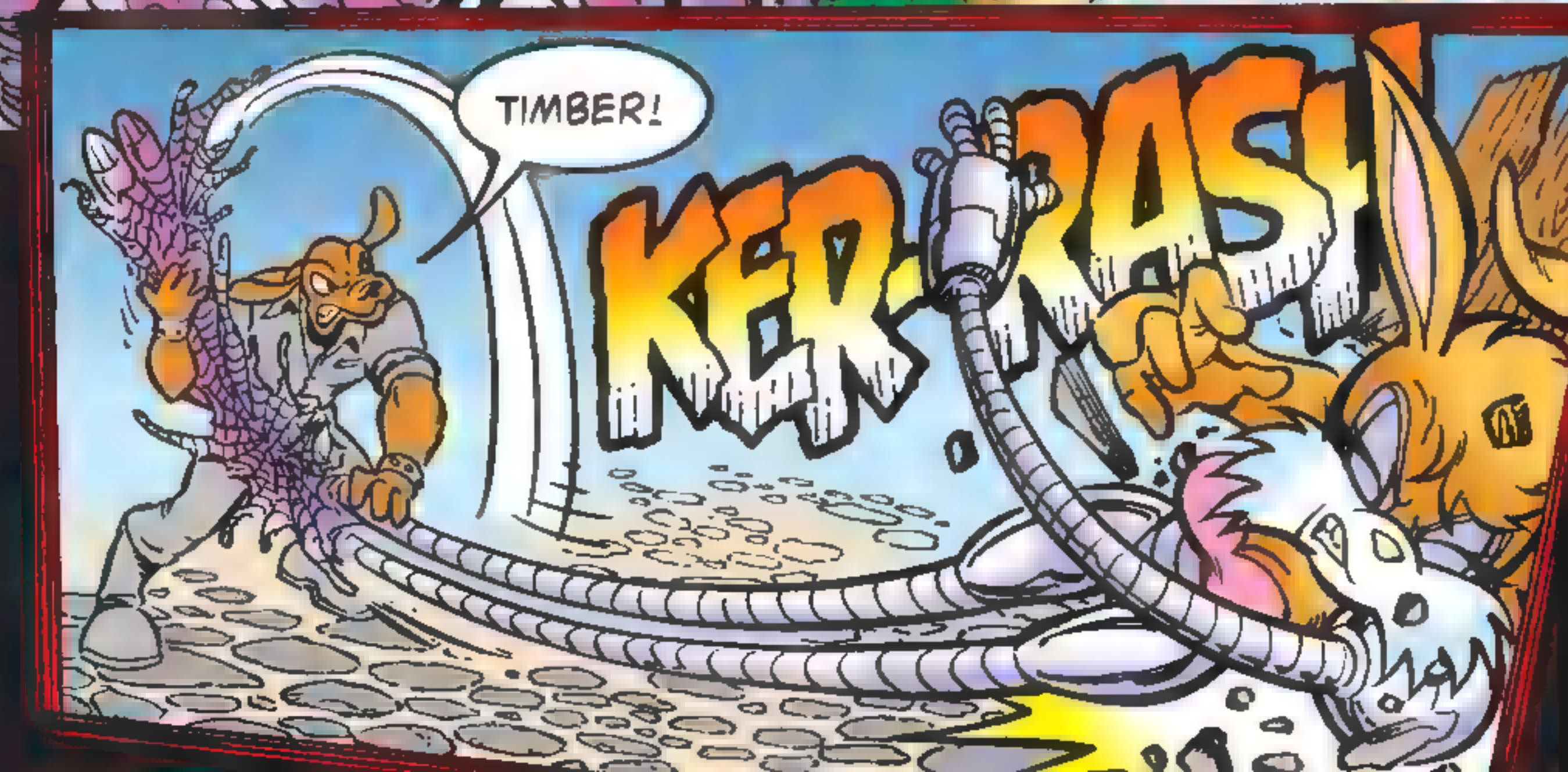
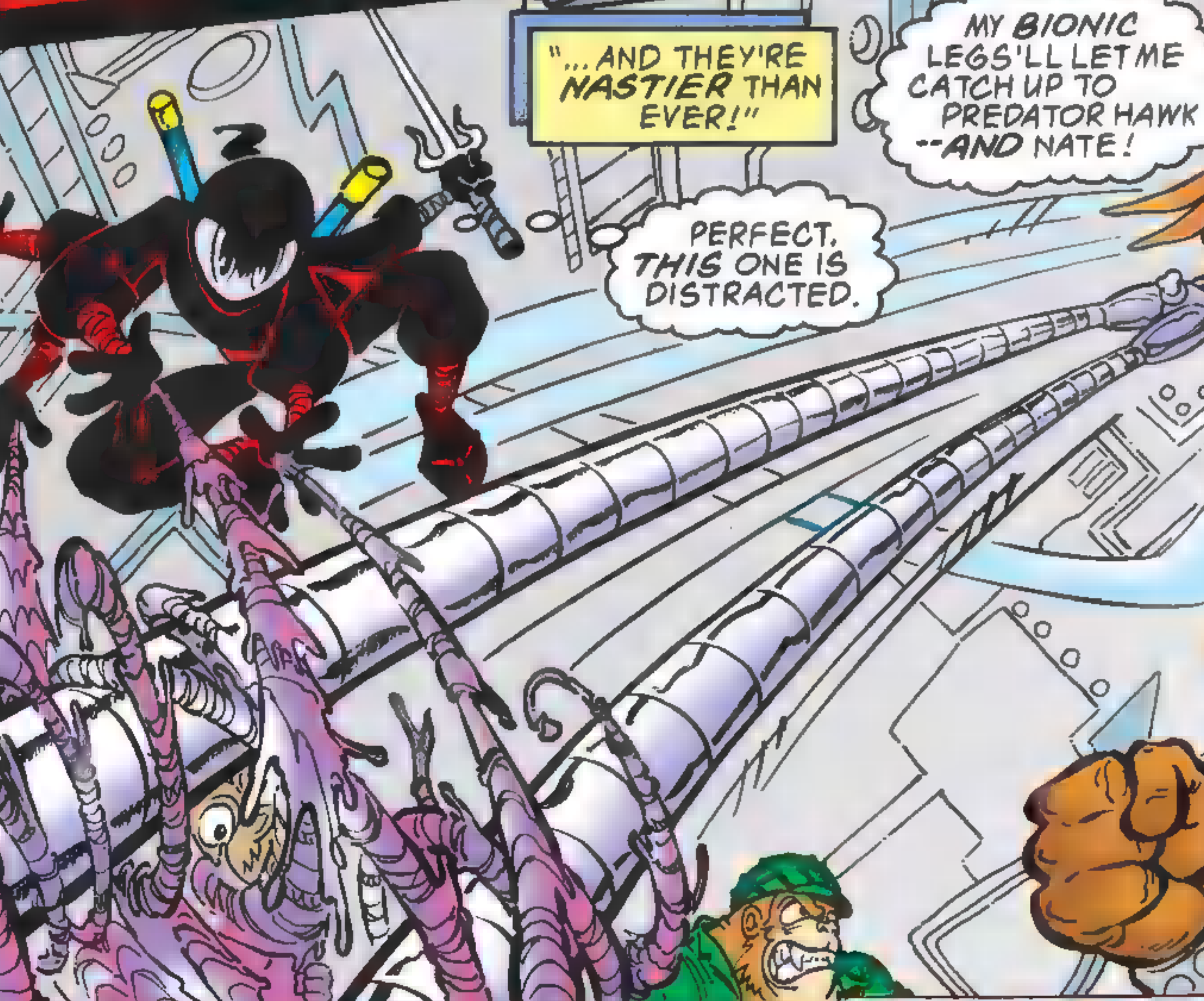
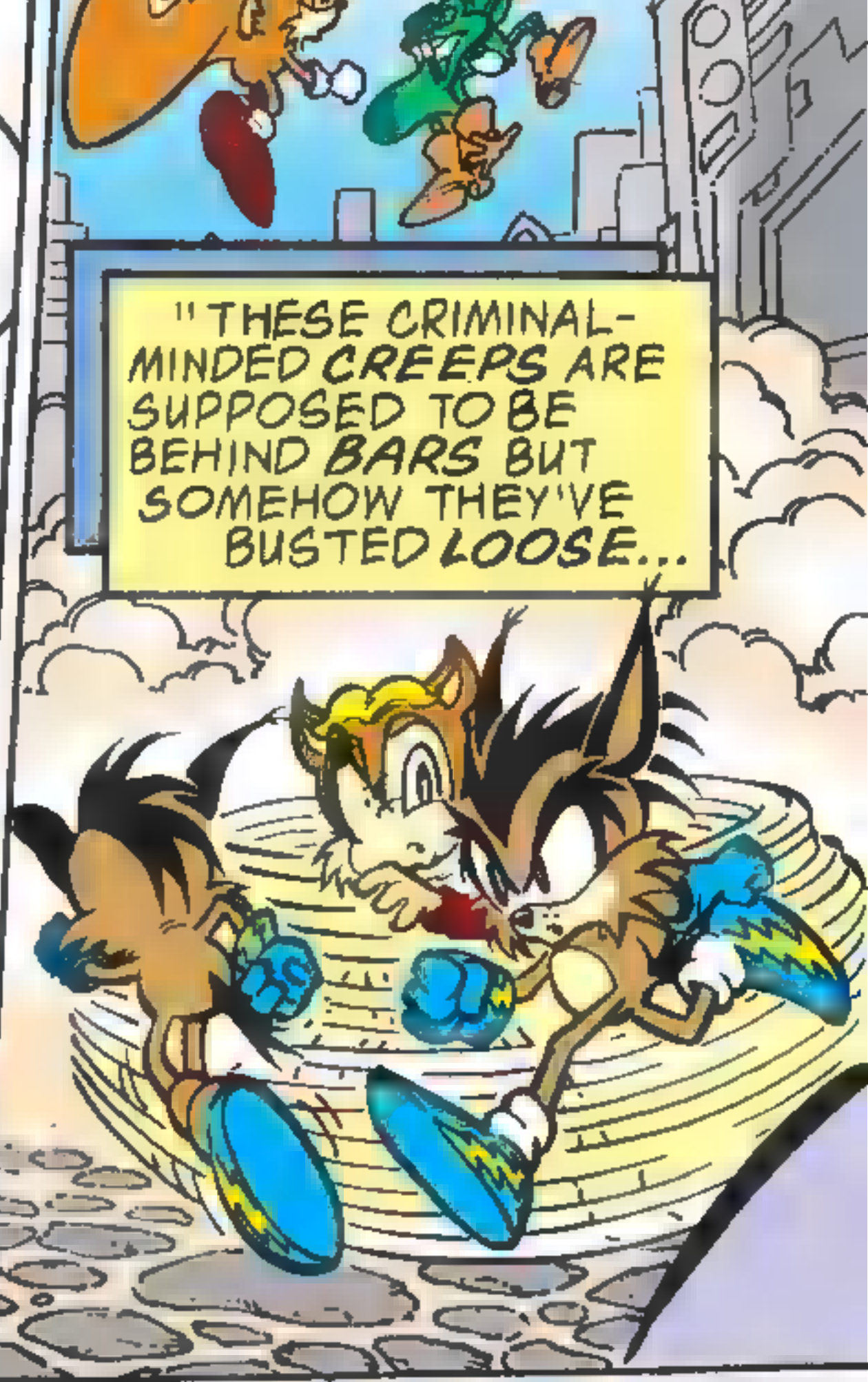
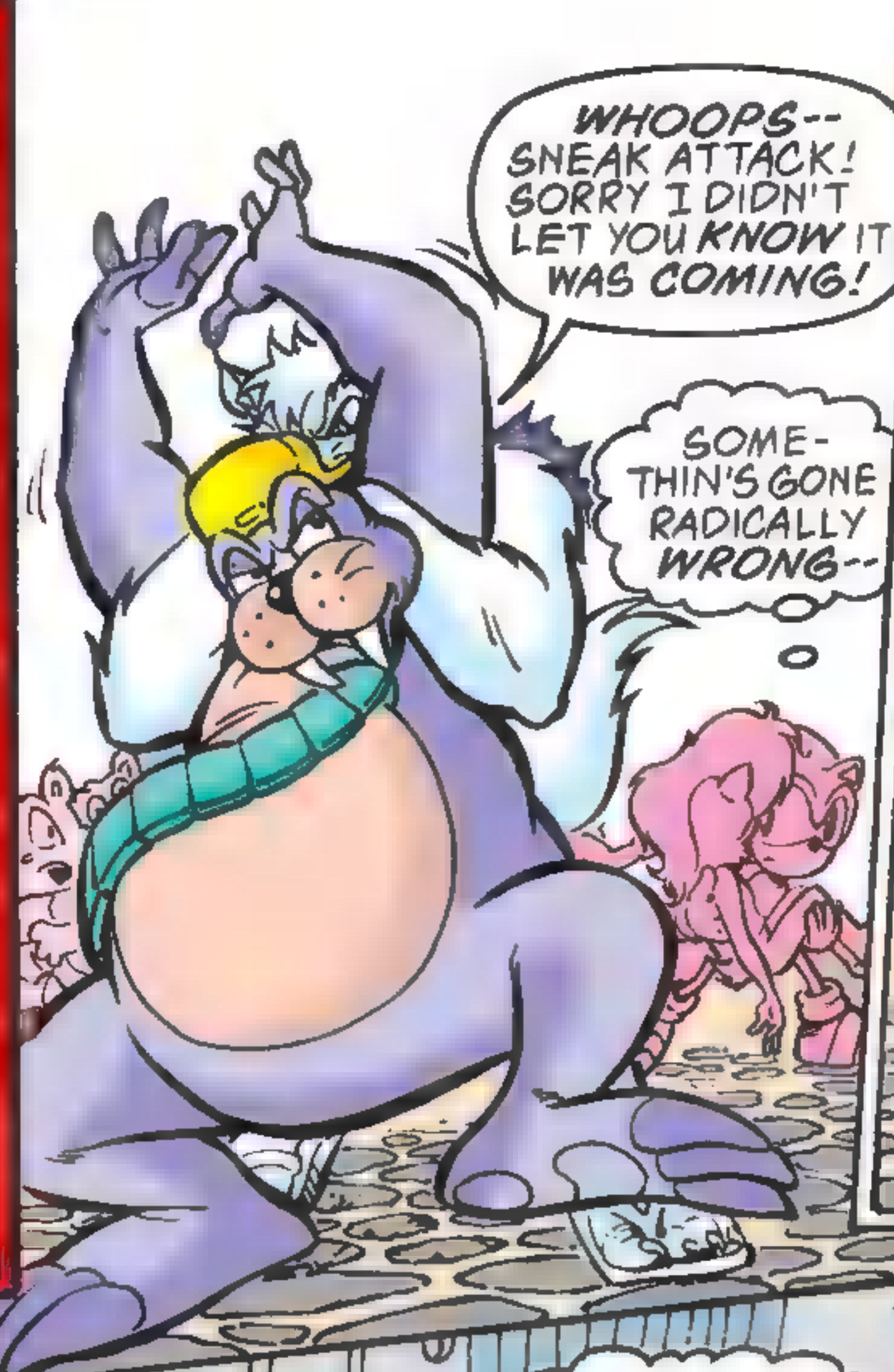
...NACK THE WEAGEL...

...AND LIGHTNING LYNX...

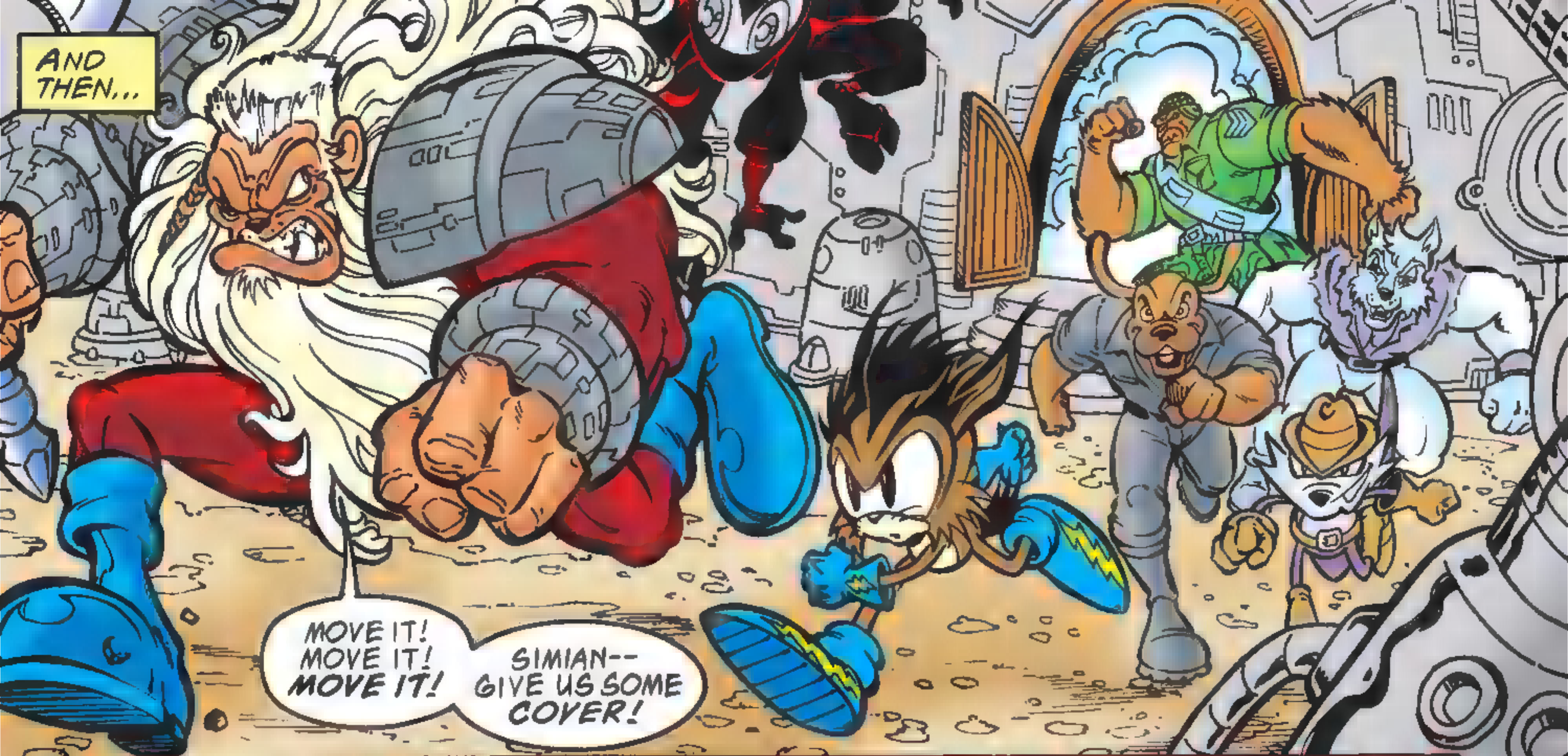


...STAND REVEALED!





AND THEN...



MOVE IT!
MOVE IT!
MOVE IT!

SIMIAN--
GIVE US SOME
COVER!

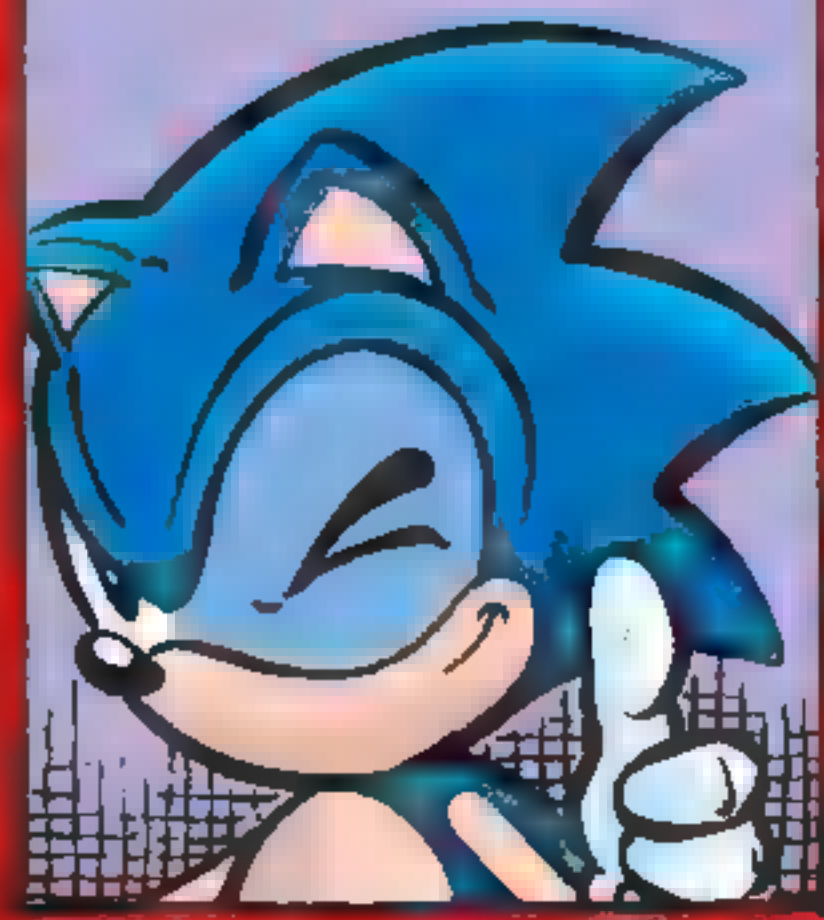


Uhh...SONIC...
YOU'RE OKAY...

Er...
YEAH, SAL...
NUTHIN' CAN
HURT ME--

--RIGHT?

THERE'S NO
WAY YOU
WANT TO MISS
NEXT ISSUE'S
EXPLOSIVE
CONCLUSION!



Tales of the Freedom Fighters

Presents:

LUPE AND THE WOLF PACK

PART III

WEATHERING THE STORM

Lupe's Journal Entry...
The storm continues on into its tenth day, raining much too hard to continue past the confines of the city... what's left of it, that is.

We are currently rationing supplies as a precaution against the possibility of the storm not letting up in the near-term future.

As for Aerial and Athena, the two Overlander girls we have found, I have yet to decide what to do with them...

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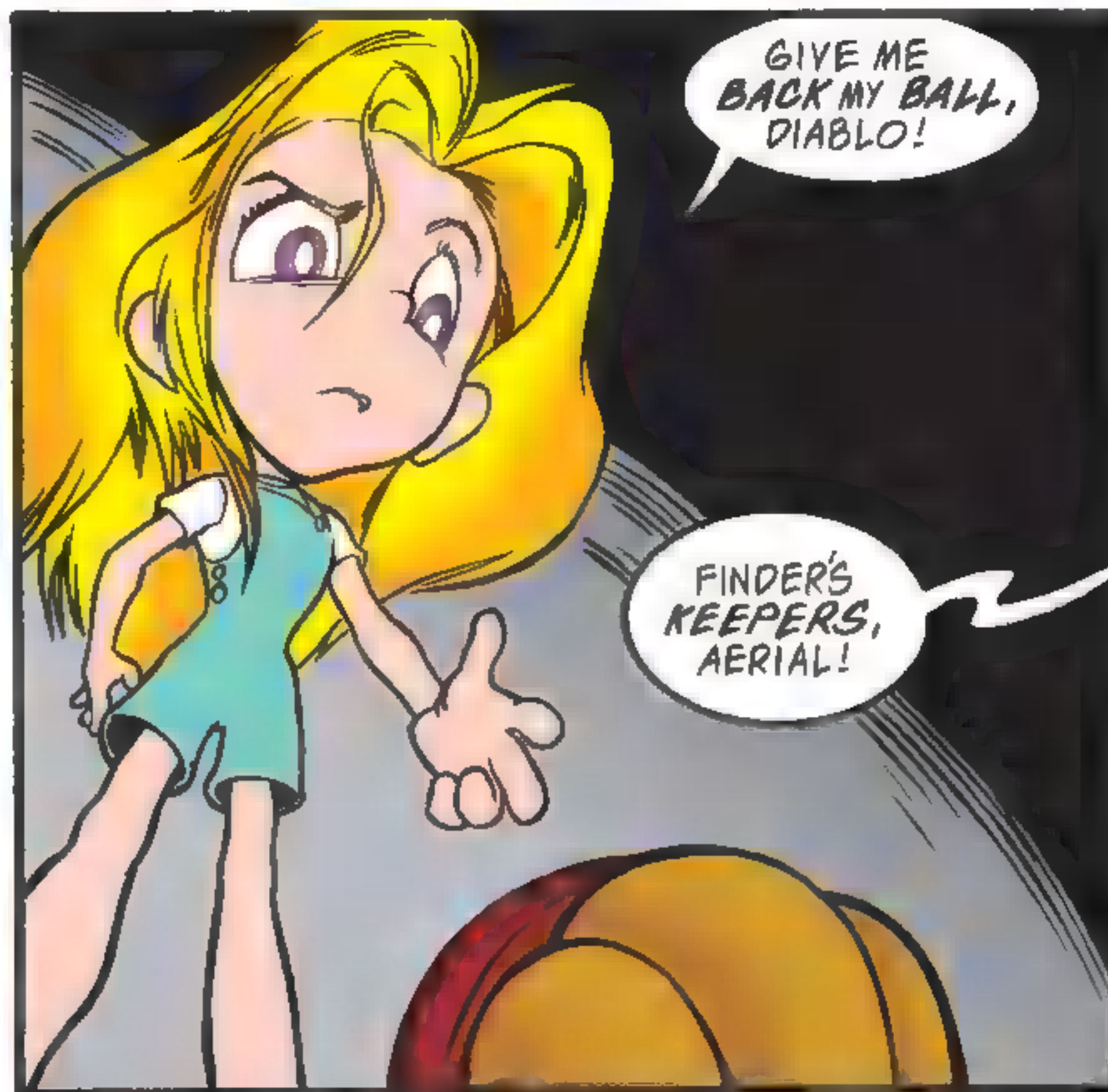
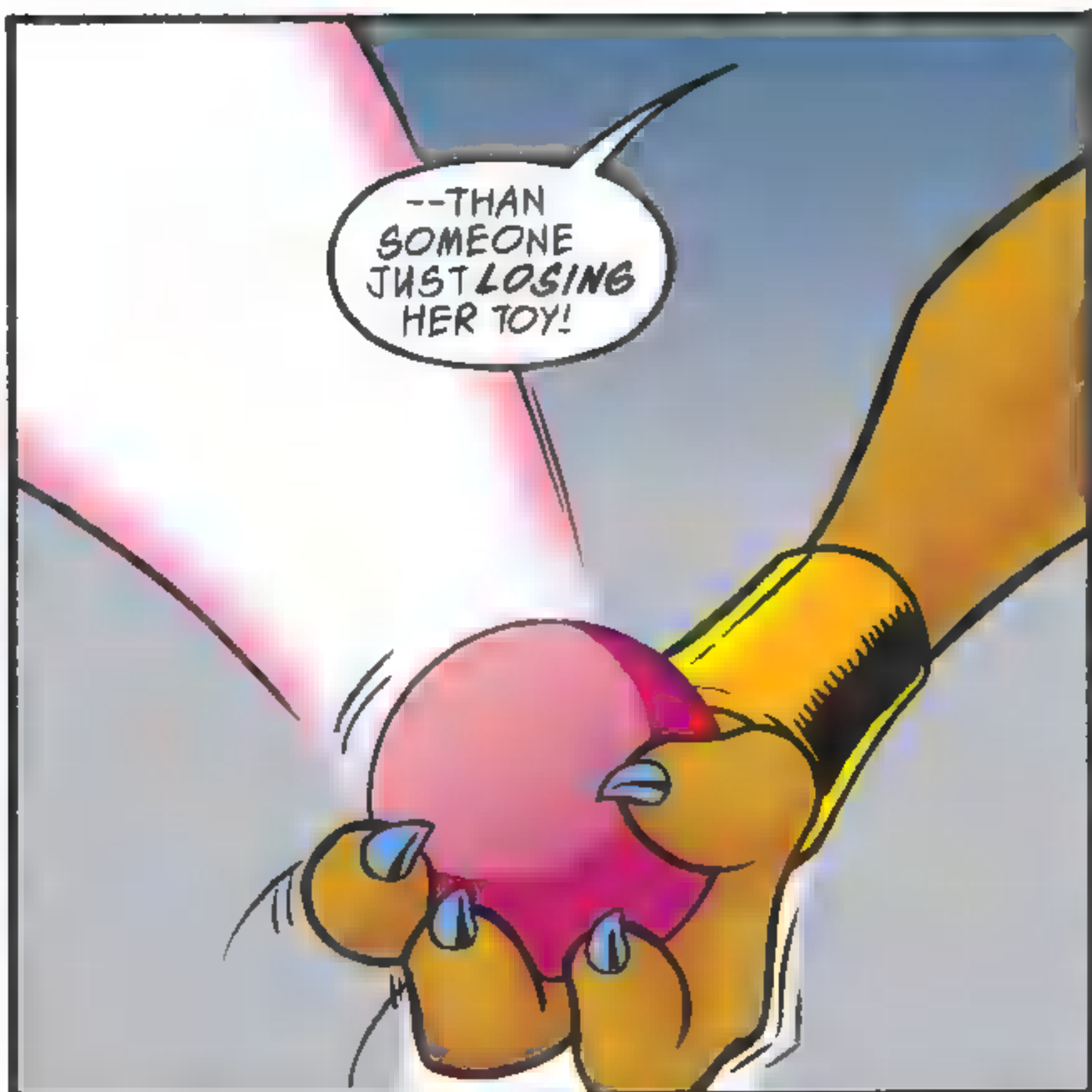
...even though Reynard has made his position abundantly clear!

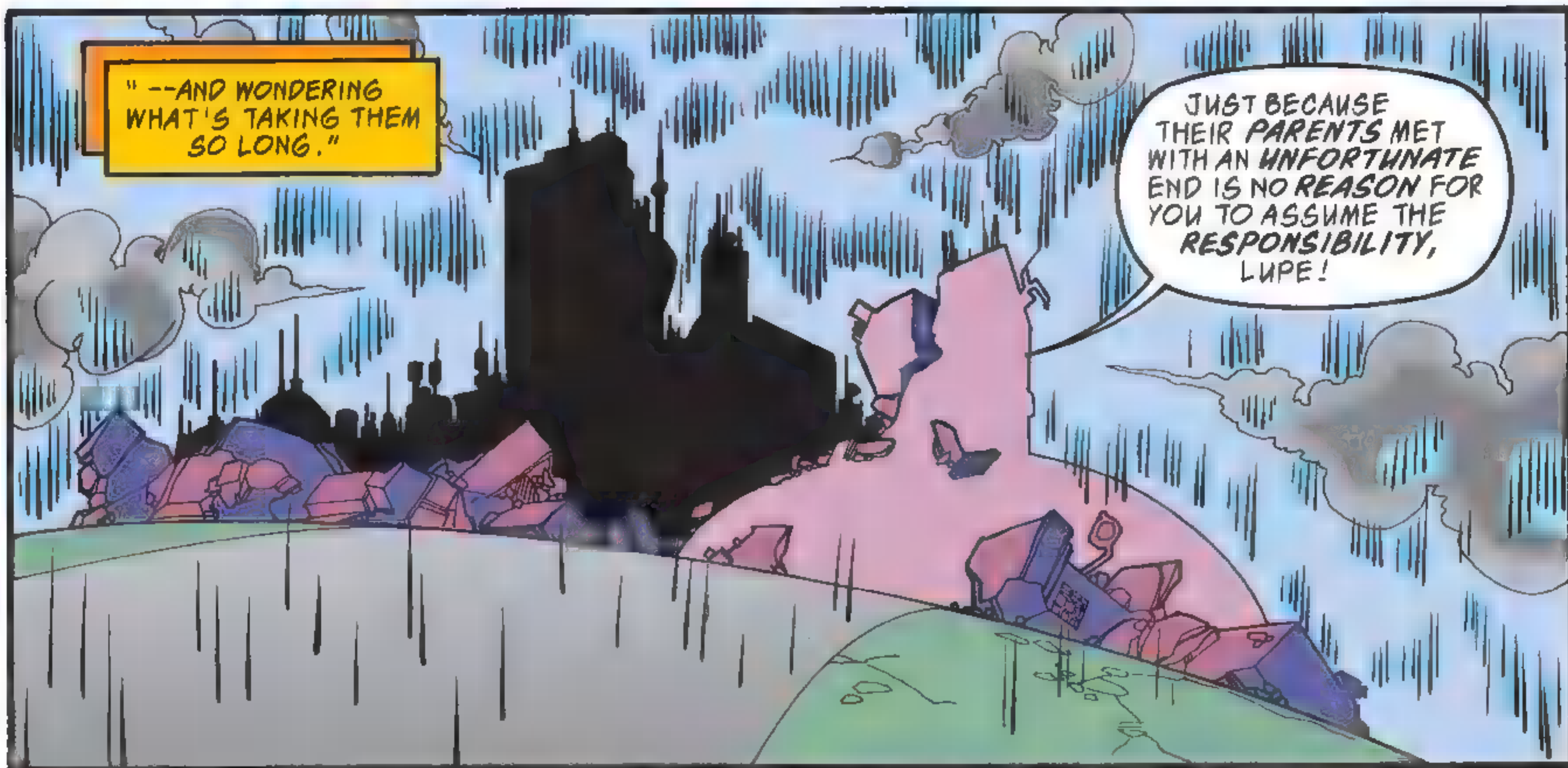
GO BACK TO SLEEP, CANUS!

HMMM?

BOUNCE

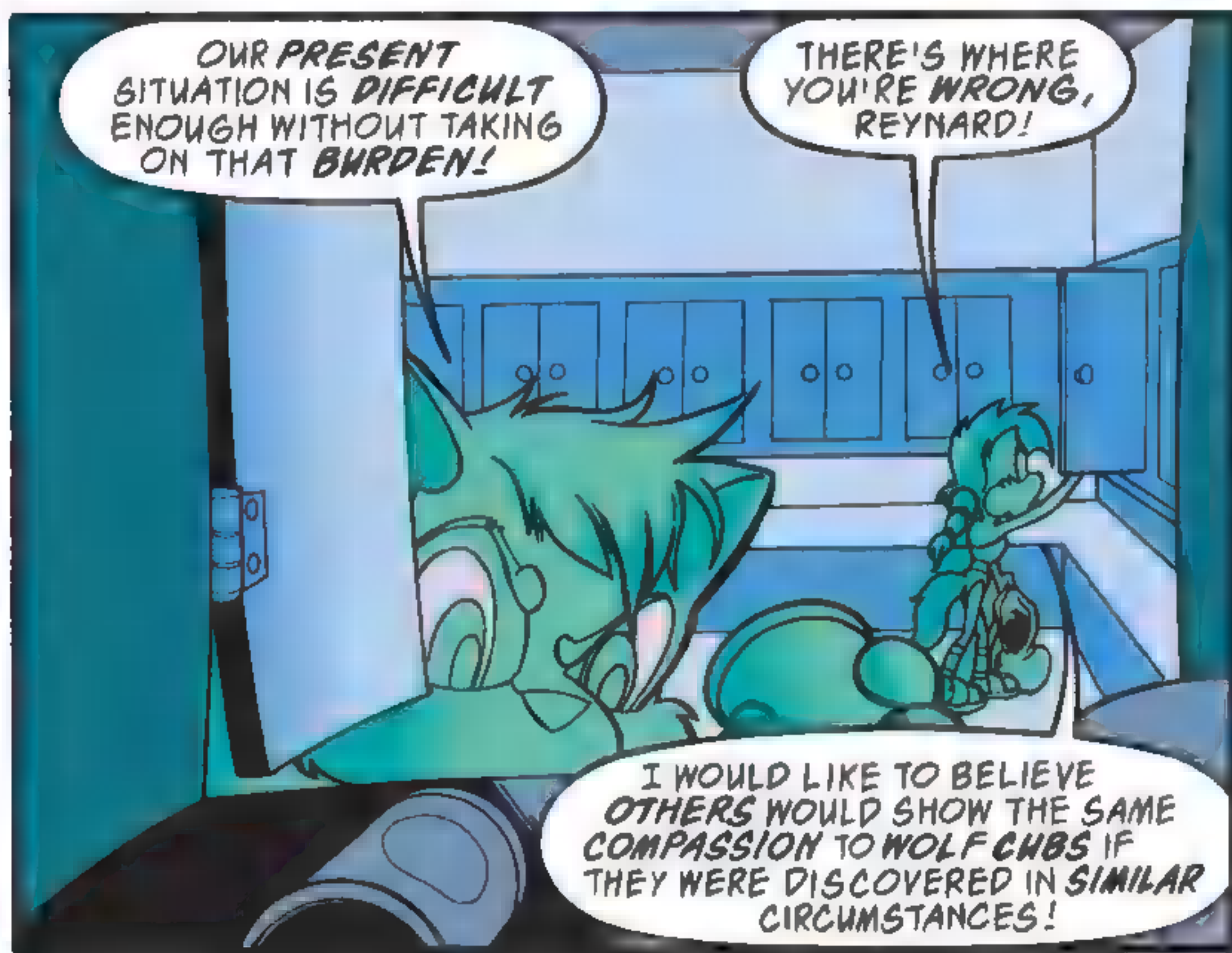
IT'S NOTHING MORE--





"--AND WONDERING
WHAT'S TAKING THEM
SO LONG."

JUST BECAUSE
THEIR PARENTS MET
WITH AN UNFORTUNATE
END IS NO REASON FOR
YOU TO ASSUME THE
RESPONSIBILITY,
LUPE!



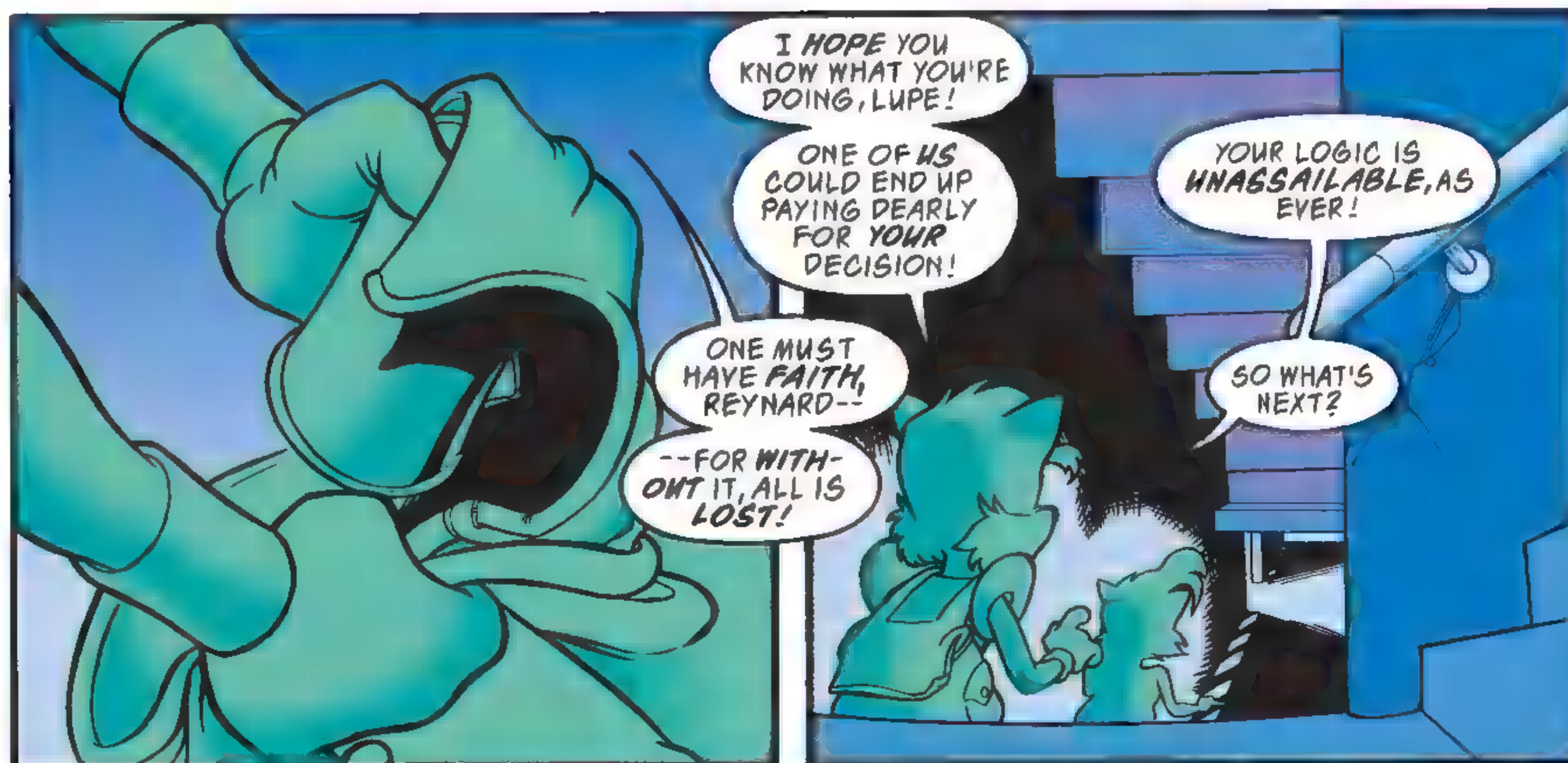
OUR PRESENT
SITUATION IS DIFFICULT
ENOUGH WITHOUT TAKING
ON THAT BURDEN!

THERE'S WHERE
YOU'RE WRONG,
REYNARD!

I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE
OTHERS WOULD SHOW THE SAME
COMPASSION TO WOLF CUBS IF
THEY WERE DISCOVERED IN SIMILAR
CIRCUMSTANCES!



TURNING OUR BACKS ON THE GIRLS
WOULD MAKE US NO BETTER THAN
THOSE WE FOUGHT TO PRESERVE
OUR KIND!



I HOPE YOU
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
DOING, LUPE!

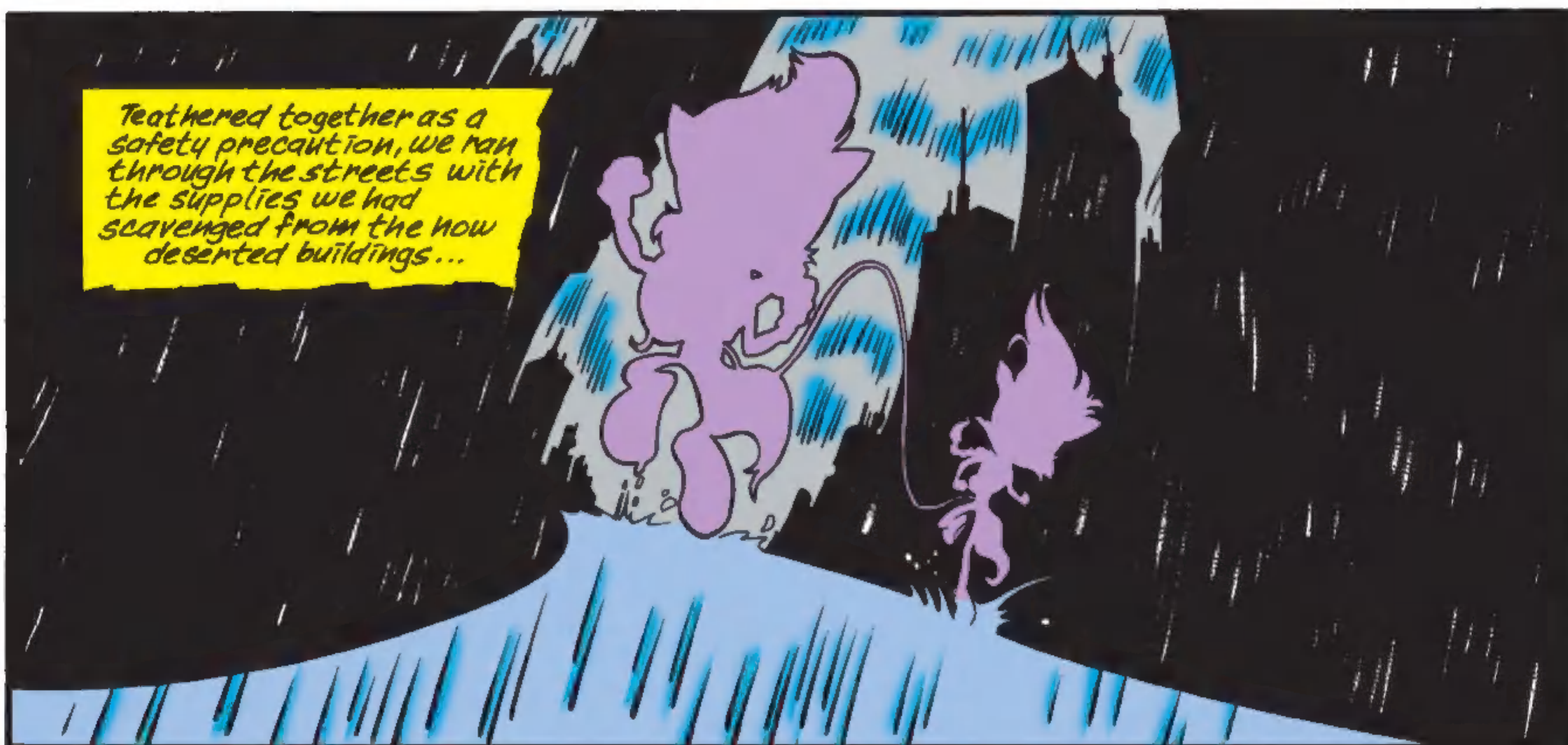
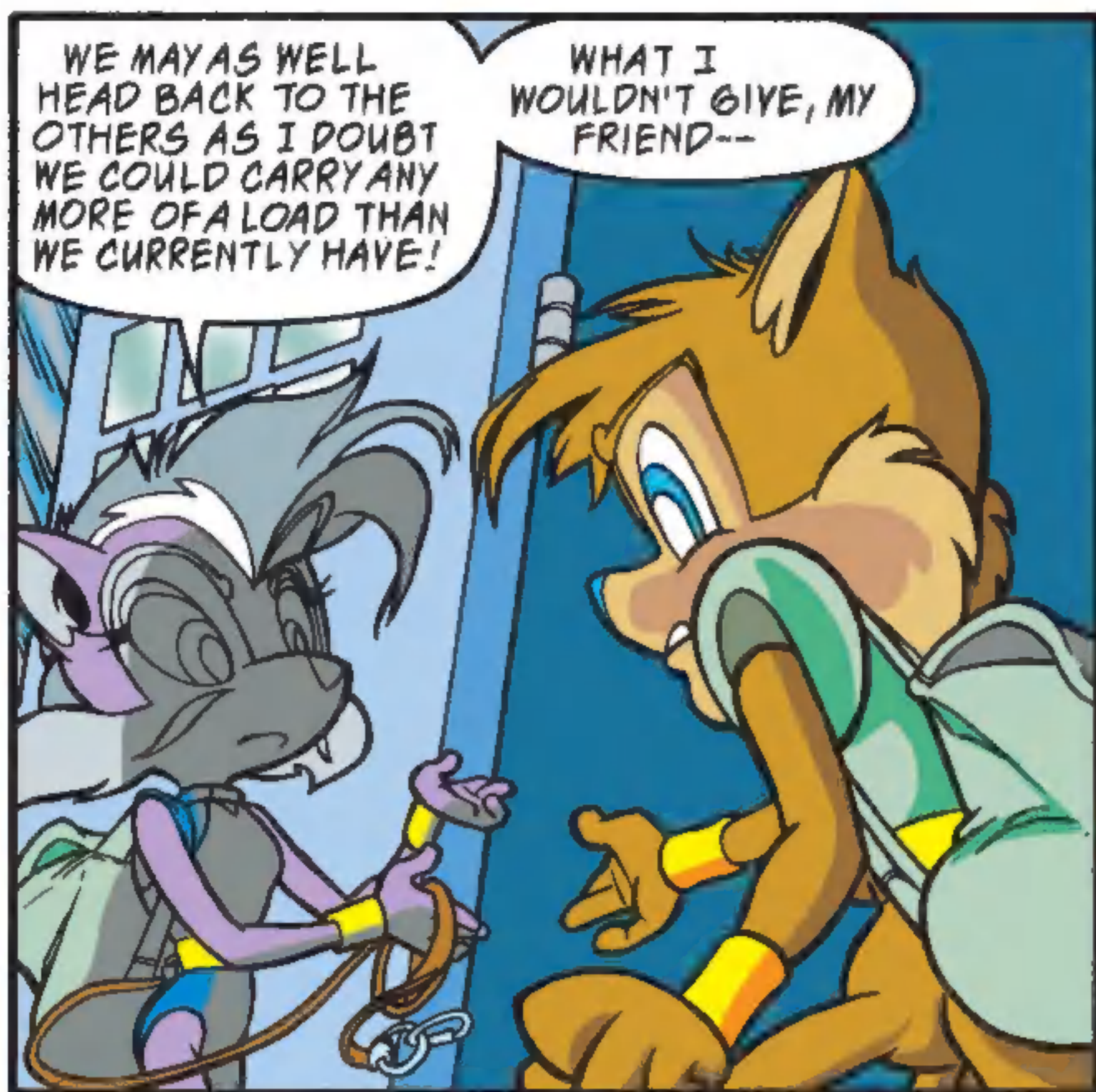
ONE OF US
COULD END UP
PAYING DEARLY
FOR YOUR
DECISION!

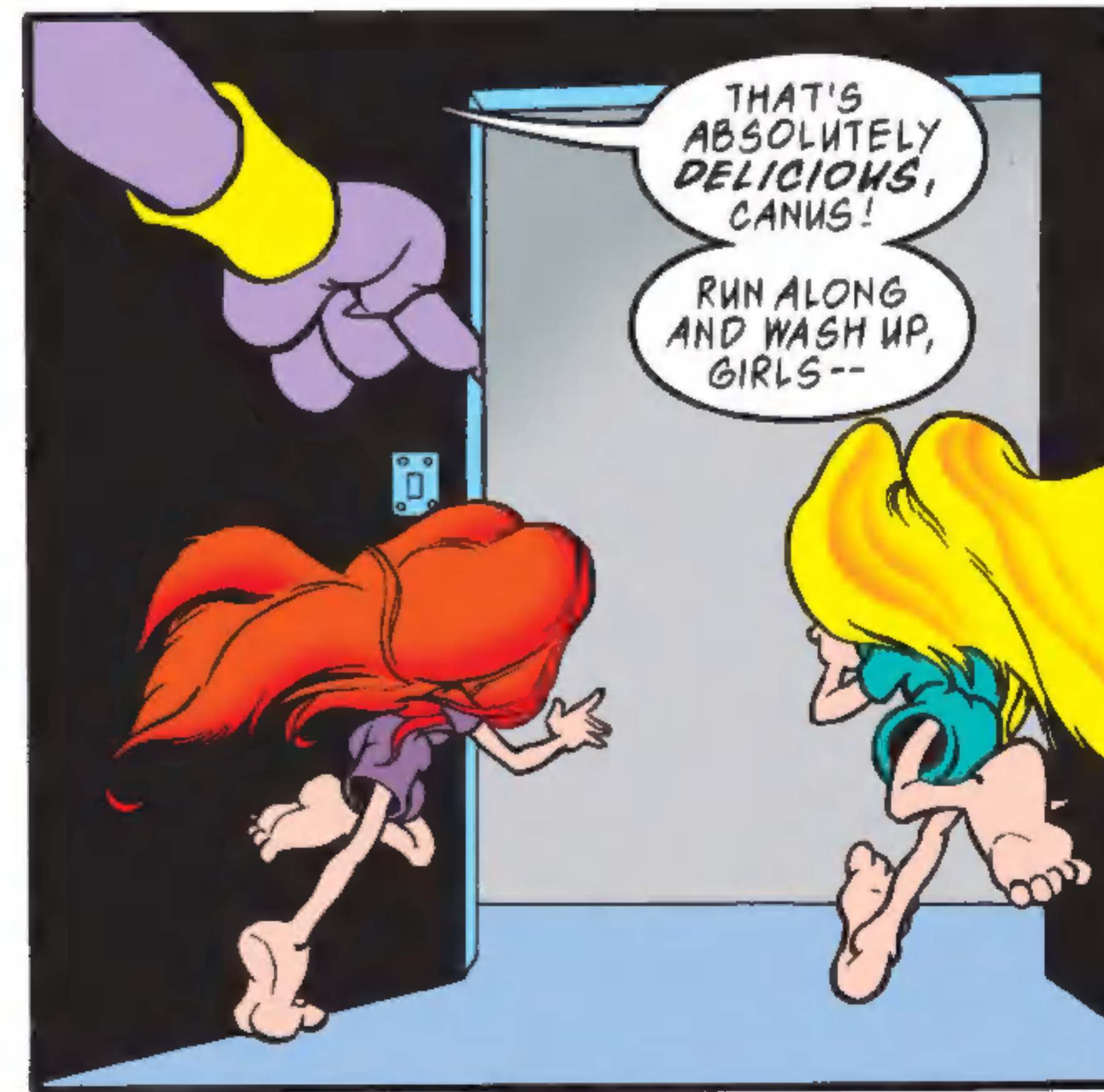
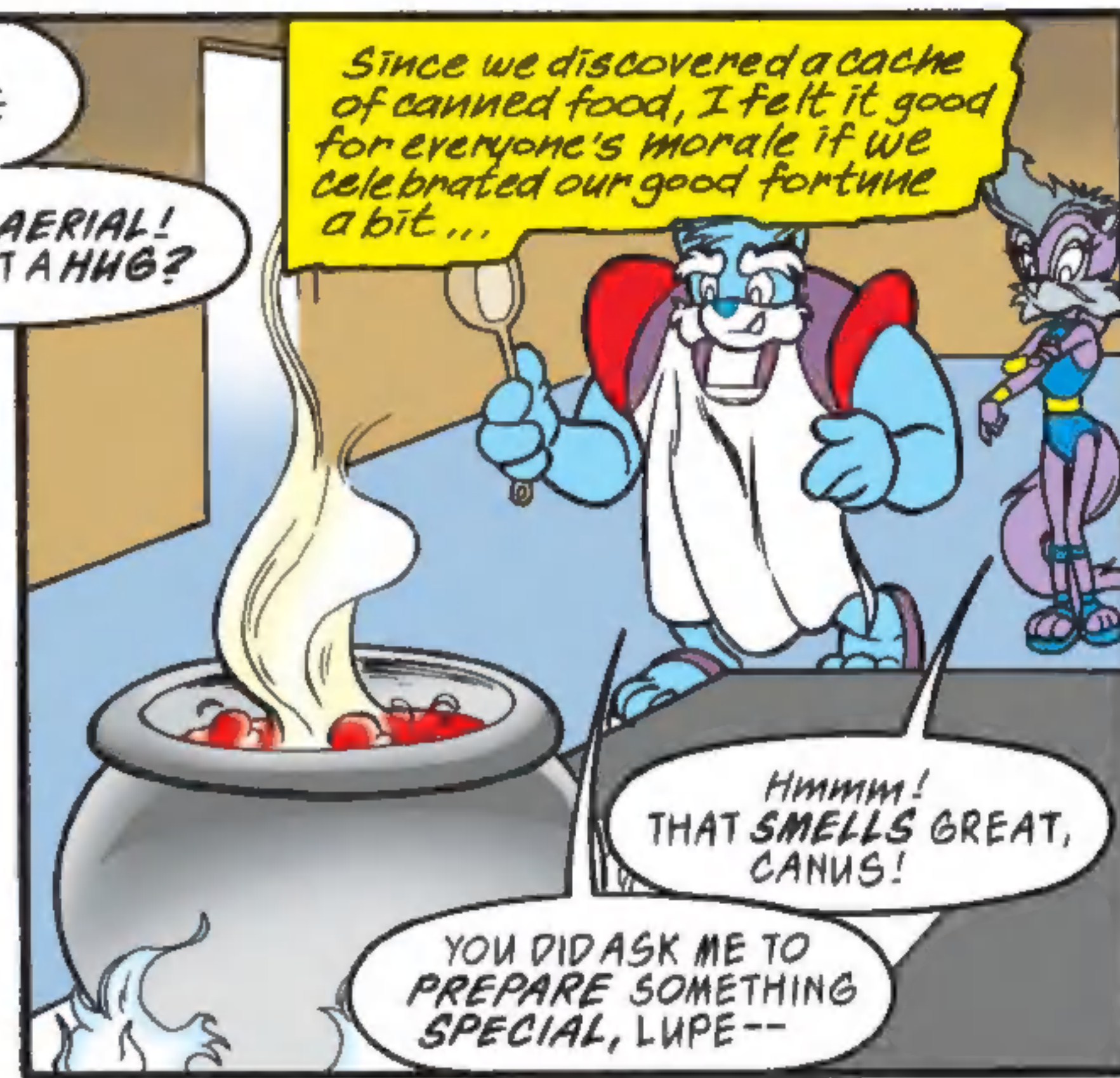
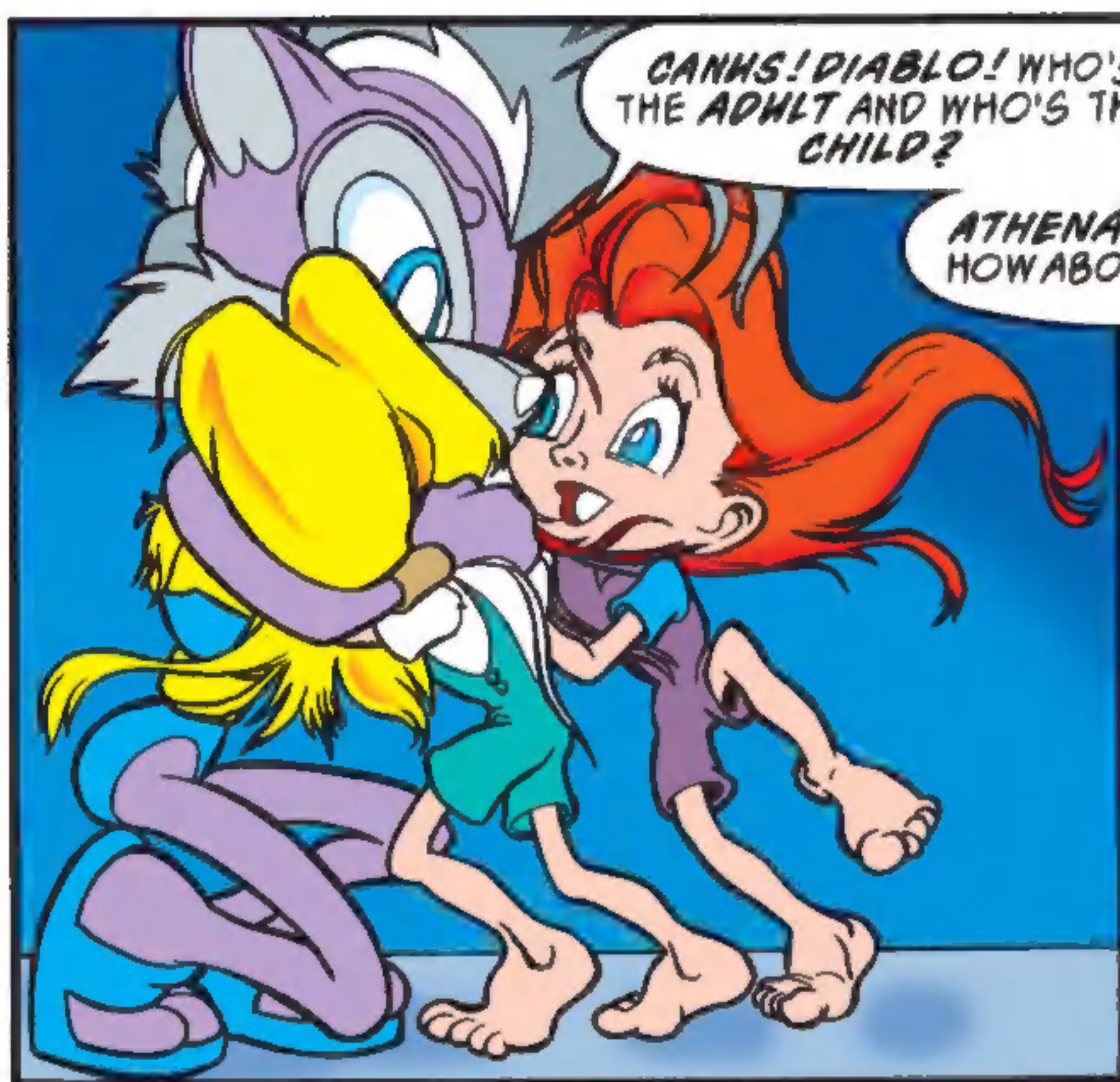
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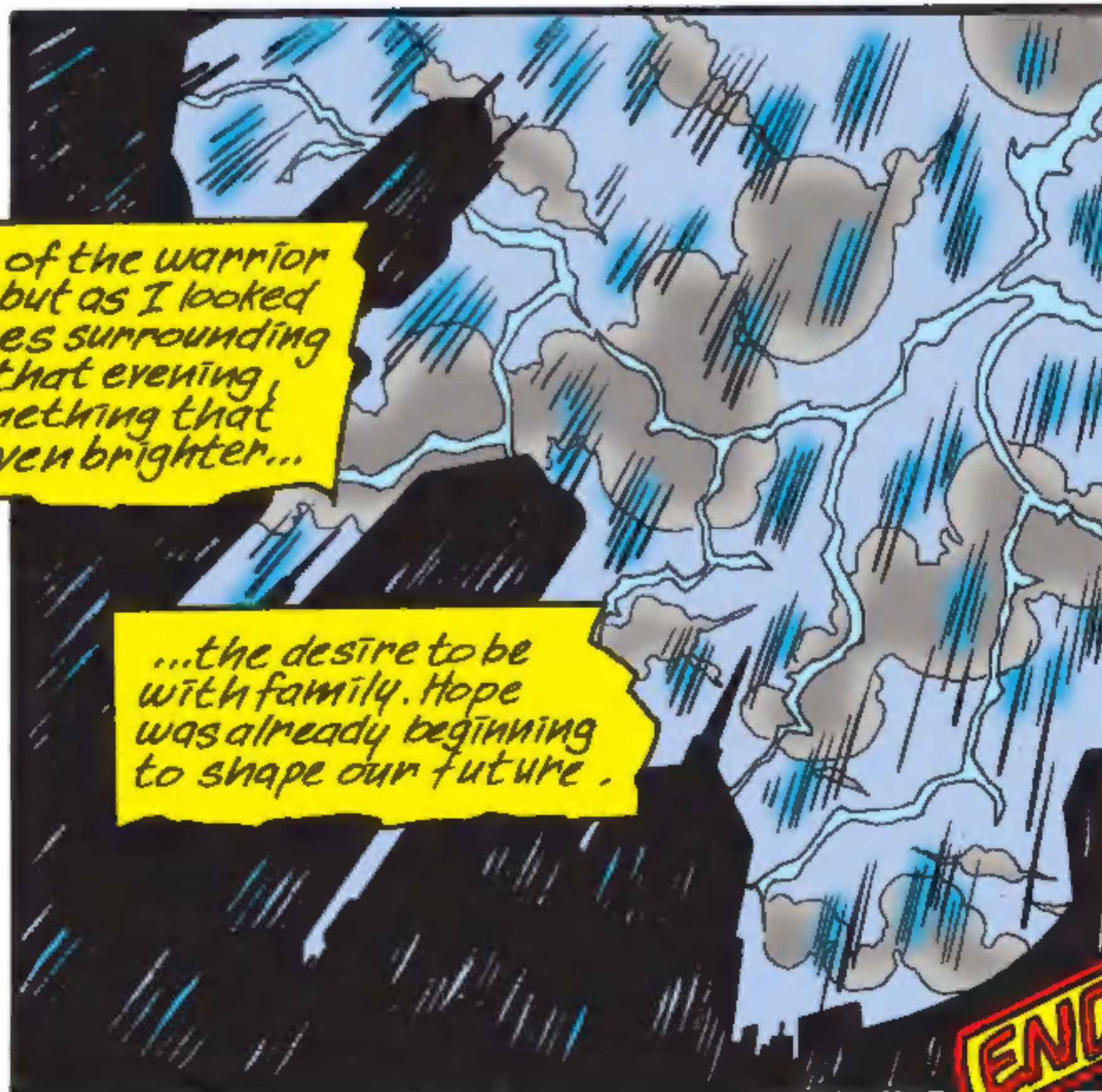
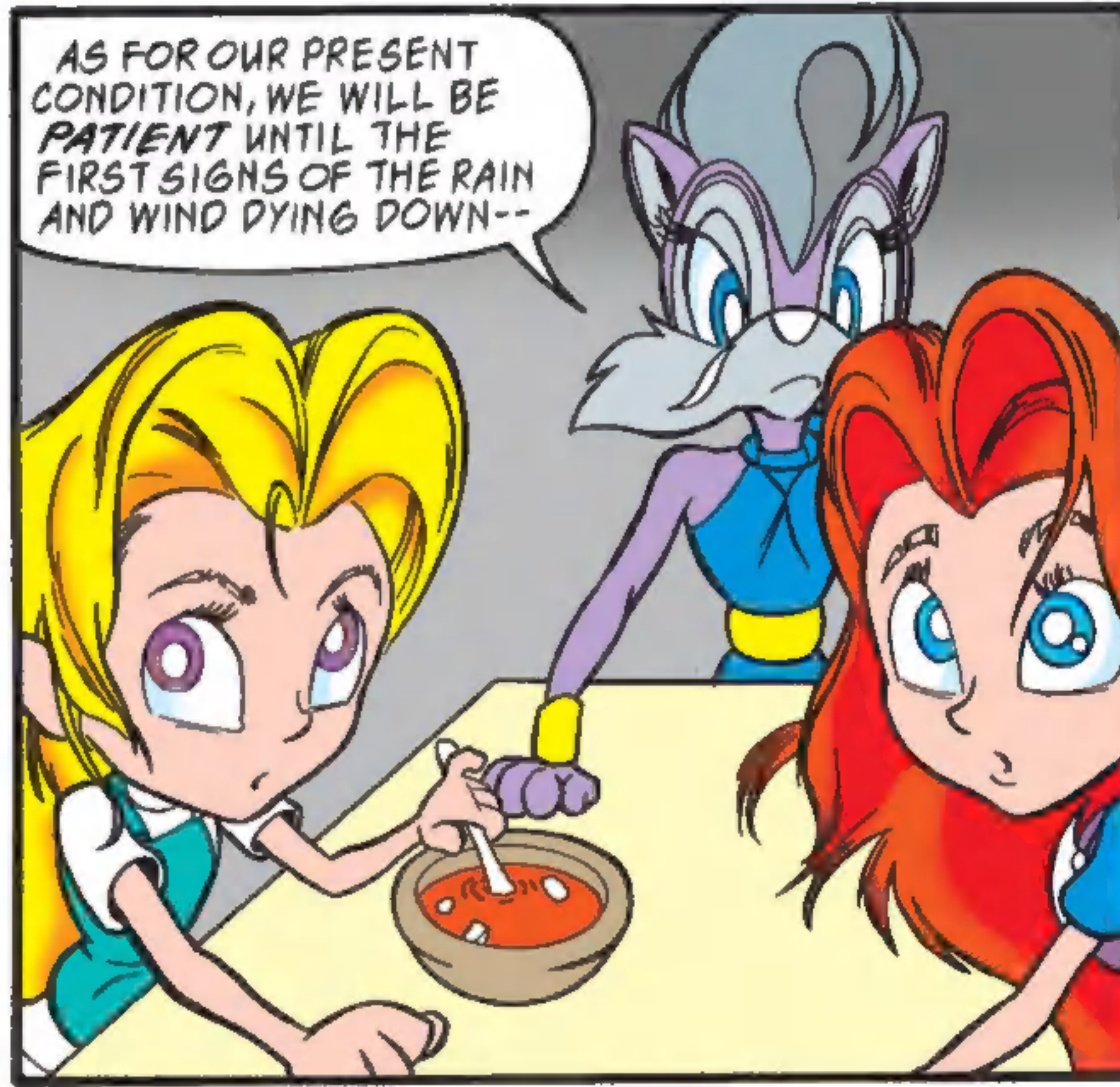
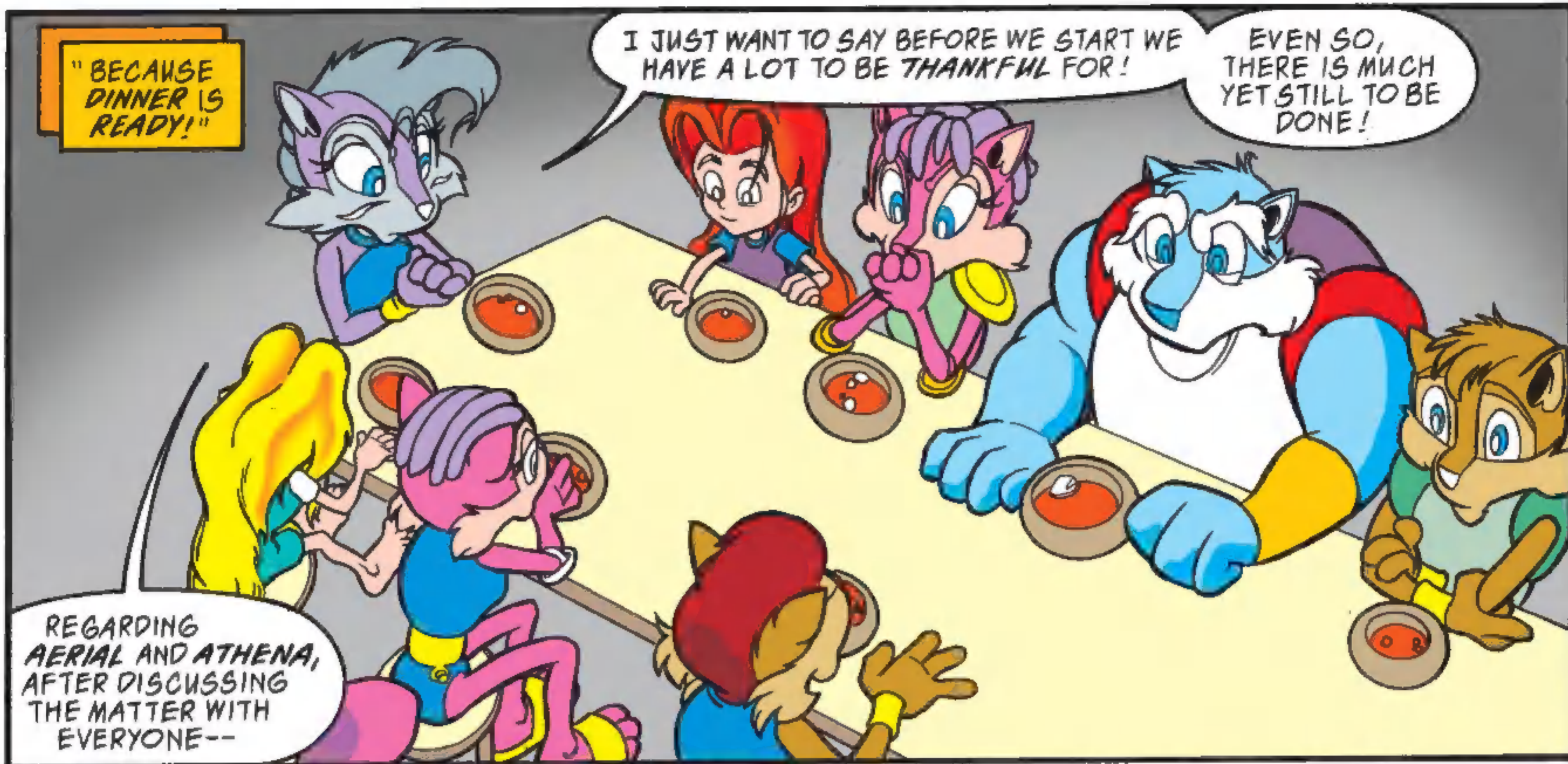
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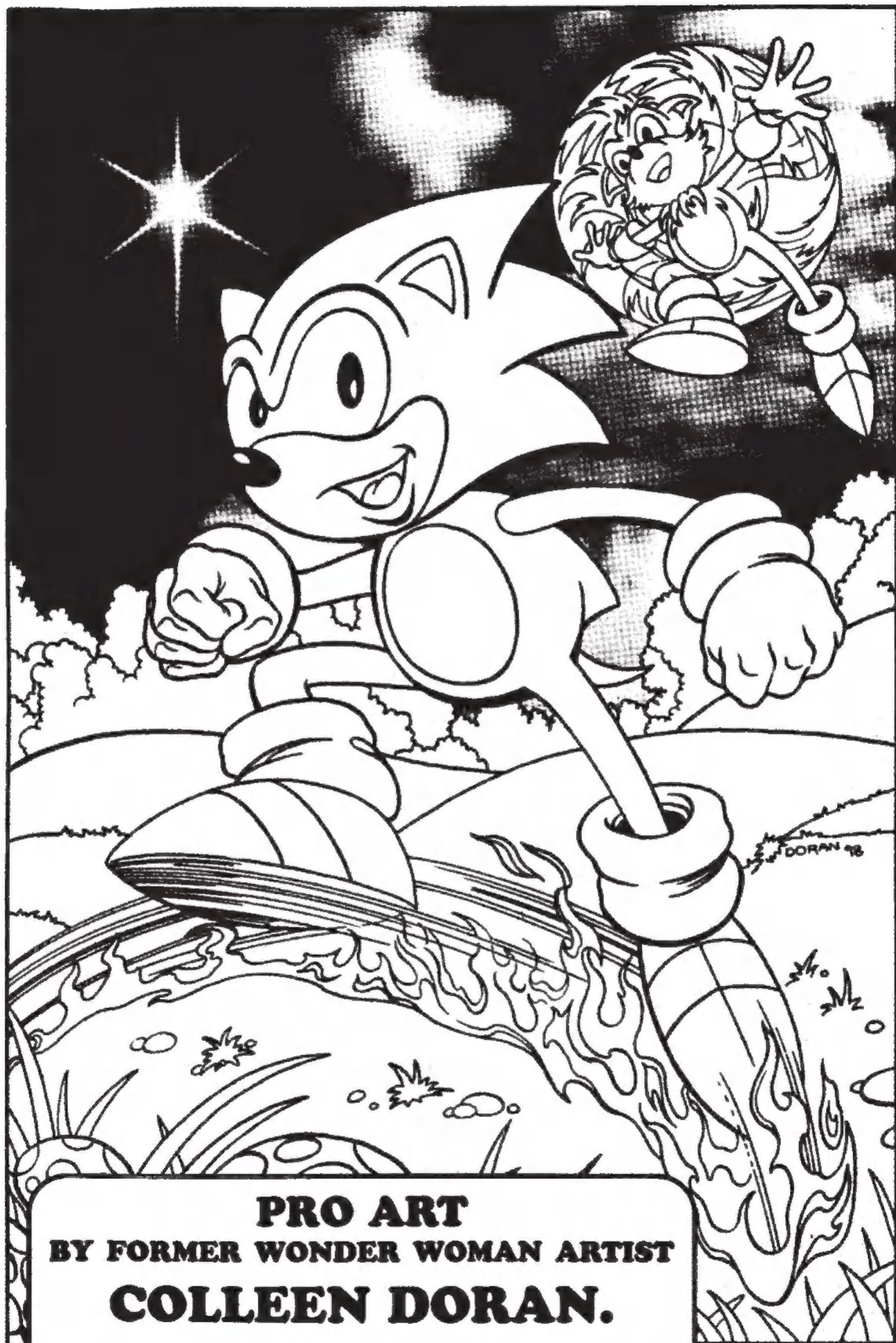
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